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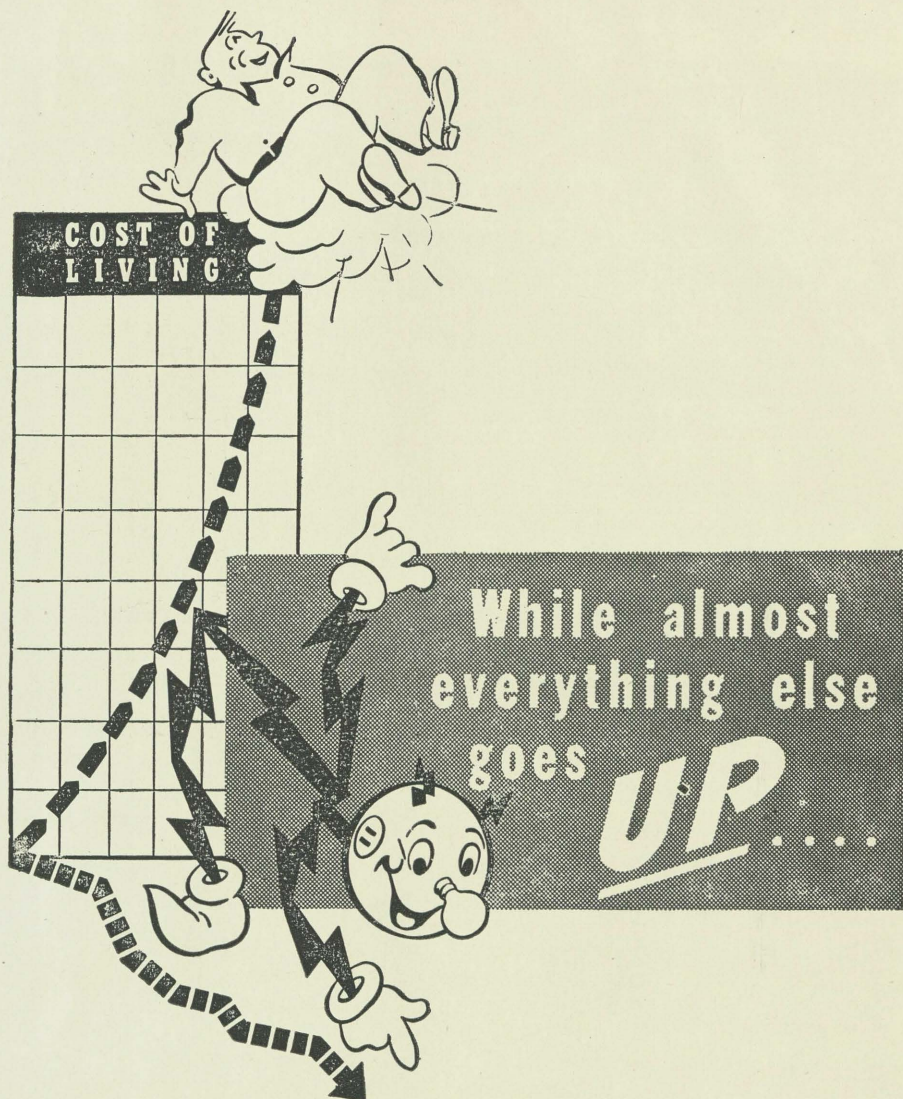
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OUR COVER PICTURE

Our cover this month shows two girl visitors to Hillsborough River State Park at a public drinking fountain. This and other State Park pictures in this issue are photographs by the Florida Forest and Park Service staff.

SHOULD BACK CALDWELL

When a Governor sets himself resolutely to effecting betterments in state government he can get public opinion behind him and accomplish his program in spite of opposing forces, for the people in the long run support strong and necessary policies.

That is why we believe Gov. Caldwell will have his way in his proposal to reform and improve our state prisons, hospitals, detention homes, and homes for the aged, indigent, insane and juveniles.

As was recently set forth by Editor Kilgore in an issue of the state highway monthly, these institutions are crowded, insanitary, ill-conditioned and to a considerable degree defeative of their purposes.

The juvenile, curable offenders are herded with hardened criminals and actually in jail get a further education in crime, thus adding to the future financial burdens of maintaining law enforcement agencies, courts and penal colonies or prisons.

The insane are treated like criminals

instead of being given the pathological attention their cases call for and are subjected to the brutalities of ignorant attendants who by no means understand the nature of their affliction or how to deal with it.

Wards of the state of all ages and conditions are kept in living conditions that are inhumane and brutal, calling for correction in the loudest terms of which the voice of human compassion is capable.

These conditions have prevailed for so long and are growing so much worse with increasing demands on capacity that it will cost a tremendous sum to make the necessary improvements and reforms.

But, as the Governor reminds those especially tax-sensitive, it will cost less than to continue the present policies which pile up increasing numbers of criminals, insane, indigent and unfortunate.

He suggests that unused portions of racing and other non-painful revenues be used to improve these institutions and reduce our juvenile delinquency and has instructed the 60 groups attending a recent conference on the subject to "lay down in a-b-c fashion the steps to be taken."

We hope the state will thus soon have an effective program, part of which the governor can establish with his present authority and part of which the legislature must authorize, for Florida in the name of humanity cannot postpone it any longer.—Orlando Sentinel

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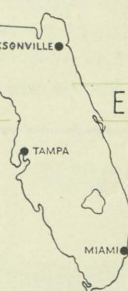
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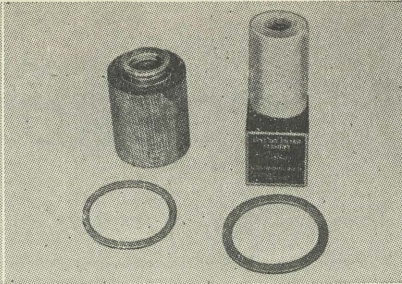
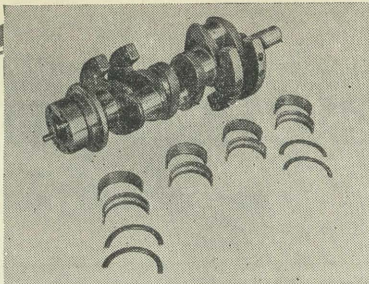
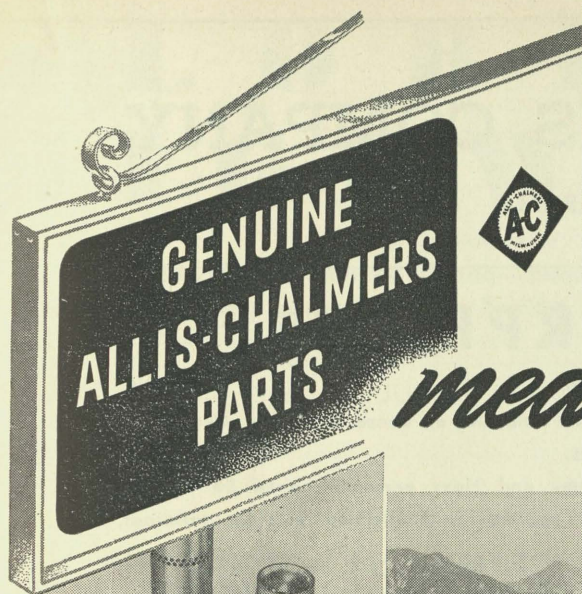
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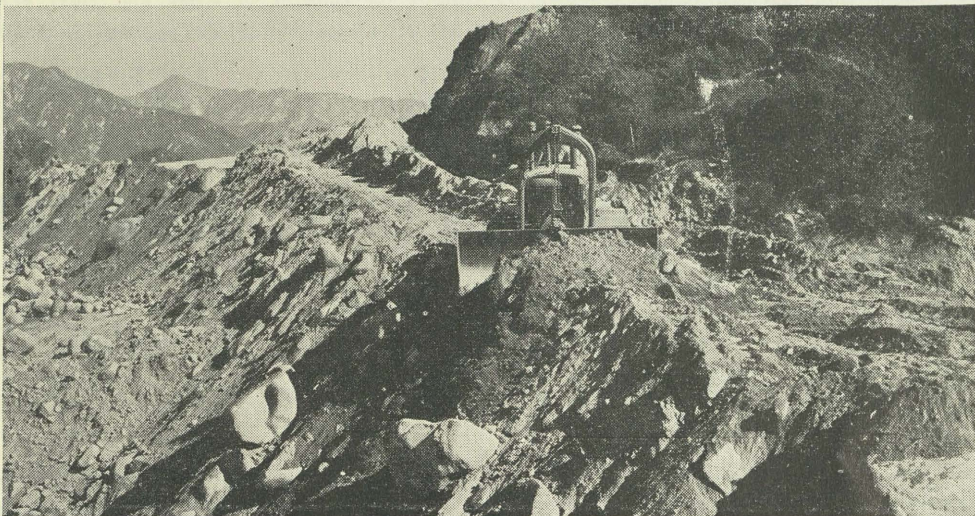
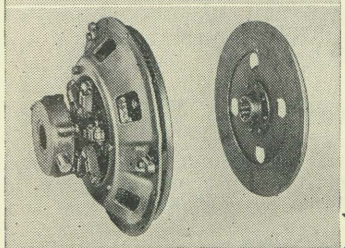
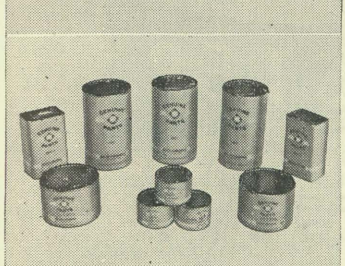
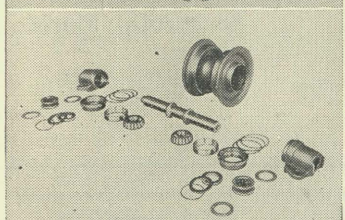
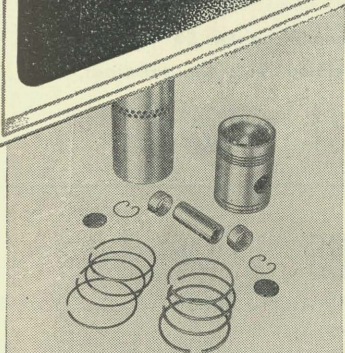
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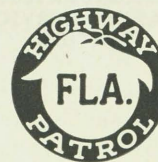
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EDITORIALS

FLORIDIANS SHOULD KNOW STATE PARKS

Few Floridians know very much about Florida.

First hand accurate knowledge of the State would give pleasure and gratification to our people and, at the same time, enable them to direct visitors to points of interest.

One of the best opportunities along this line is in connection with Florida's State Parks. Nearly every Florida family with a car—and most Florida families have cars—is near enough to one or more State Parks to make feasible an afternoon or weekend visit. It would be fun for the family and the residue would be more knowledge of our great and interesting state.

Florida Caverns State Park, for example, is unique. It has features that the majority of Floridians would be surprised to learn exist this side of Tennessee and Kentucky. The cavern is a first rate underground labyrinth of passages and chambers equipped with the standard stalagmites and stalactites in various hues, with wishing well and pools and, incidentally with a museum and recreation building where the wants of visitors can be provided. Florida Caverns may not have a cave as big as Kentucky's famous Mammoth Cave but it has one large enough and interesting enough to make a tour worthwhile. In fact, both have areas which the visitor never sees and it is of relative unimportance that one is larger in areas which are never seen than the other. Many Floridians live at great distances from Florida Caverns, which is near Marianna in western Florida, but they frequently pass not far from it on their way to and from points in other states. On one or two such trips it would be a simple and inexpensive matter to stop by both Florida Caverns and Torreya State Parks.

Torreya is located on steep river banks in a rocky broken terrain much like that of regions close to mountain ranges. Here are rare trees including the Torreya for which the park is named. Another point of interest is the antebellum mansion which is a part of the park property.

Another interesting State Park is Fort Clinch, easily available to residents within 50 miles or so of Jacksonville and to Florida families motoring in that vicinity. The ruins of the Old Fort are in good condition and add to the interesting scenery of this ocean location.

Ample facilities for group camping are provided at O'Leno. Attractive cabins for rent at Gold Head Branch offer ample facilities for those who would spend the night or a week at this quiet and interesting park.

Facilities for bathing, boating, cooking, picnicking, camping and walking the woods trails are available at the Parks in the peninsula. At most of them the visitor may see and identify a large number of Florida plants.

The State Parks are available to Floridians in every

part of the State. Nearly all families will want to take trips somewhere during the summer for vacations or week-end recreation and change. What better plan could be followed than to set aside a day or a week for exploring and becoming familiar with the State Parks or one or two of them?

Tourists and winter residents of Florida know where to find race tracks, night clubs and commercial attractions. Most of these are assets to the State. We need more attractions and developed points of interest of all classes. The commercial interests should be encouraged but that does not mean that we can afford to neglect opportunities provided by State funds through the Park Service. Fees charged at these Parks are small and cover only the actual expense of operation since they are operated on a non-profit basis. Referral of tourists and visitors to State Parks, therefore, would result in pointing out to them opportunities for recreation that can be had at a minimum of cost.

Every good citizen of Florida should try to be a promoter of Florida's attractions and advantages. No one can tell more than he knows and before we can sell Florida to others we must know the facts about Florida.

REVENUE AVAILABLE

Officials and citizens of counties and cities throughout the State have been discussing the difficulties of raising sufficient tax revenue to give adequate local support to the public schools and to carry on other necessary local governmental functions. It is pointed out in these discussions that homestead exemption has reduced the tax resources of cities and counties, that the school millage limitation is often too low to realize sufficient revenue and the cities and counties are unable to finance themselves without state financial assistance.

Years ago the State levied an ad valorem tax. This resulted in competition between counties to fix low assessments in order to reduce the amount of state tax collected. When the state ad valorem tax was abolished the excuse for low assessments was removed. State law provides for assessment at full value. This law is honored more often in the breach than in the observance.

Full value assessment would place on the tax rolls property value in excess of \$5,000 on homes and there are thousands of homes worth more than \$5,000 now paying no local taxes. Full assessment would also raise the revenue from a mill and therefore increase the revenue that can be raised under the present school millage limitation. In short, full assessment would largely solve the local tax problem.

The objection to it is that city and county authorities cannot trust themselves to hold millages down to a reasonable limit if they increase assessments. They are forced, therefore, to restrain themselves by assessing property under its value even though this results in a loss of revenue needed to carry on necessary functions.

Florida's State Parks...

With all indications pointing toward the heaviest tourist travel in the state's history in these first postwar years, Florida offers for the pleasure of visitors and natives alike one of the finest systems of state parks in the country—with a variety and richness of scenery matched by few other states.

Last year 143,966 persons visited the eight state parks now in operation. Visitors to some of the state parks which have not been opened formally were not recorded. The anticipated huge influx of tourists, plus a deepened interest of home state travelers freed from the cares of war, is expected to swell the total number of visitors this year to more than a quarter of a million.

In addition to the present parks open to the public five additional park sites have been acquired and, when completed and opened, will bring the number of State Parks to thirteen.

There is a State Park easily accessible to residents of any part of the state. Most of them are near main highways and may be reached by good roads.

The parks range from the Florida Caverns near Marianna with their labyrinthine passages, the historic confines of Fort Clinch at Fernandina, to the wild, untamed plains of the Myakka River, east of Sarasota.

Torreya State Park in northwest Florida near Bristol is listed as one of the State's parks in active operation, but it has never been formally dedicated as facilities are limited.

State Park Director Lewis G. Scoggin envisions a pleasant and instructive trip around the state covering state parks and other points of interest.

"A tourist might begin a tour of the state at Fernandina, where he may inspect Fort Clinch State Park," he said, "Proceeding down the coast he would stop at Castillo De San Marcos National Monument, St. Augustine and Ft. Manteanzas National Monument. He might then cross the state to Tampa and visit Hillsborough River State Park, to Sarasota where he could linger a while at Myakka, then across the state to Sebring to see Highlands Hammock State Park, which has been described as one of the three outstanding natural parks in the United States. From there the visitor might go south through the muck lands around Lake Okeechobee to the very heart of the proposed Everglades National Park lying between Myakka and the lower east coast, and complete his turn by proceeding up the west coast to Tallahassee, then to Torreya State Park on the Apalachicola River, Florida Caverns State Park at Marianna, and end his tour at Santa Rosa Island National Monument near Pensacola."

Largest of the parks is Myakka River with 12,233 acres. Highlands Hammock is next with 3,800 acres. Hillsborough River State Park near Tampa with 800 acres ranks as the smallest of the present eight parks now open to public use. Total acreage of the eight is 21,824 acres. The five projected parks will bring an additional 9,357 acres within the park system.

Most of the parks provide excellent facilities for picnicking, bathing, fishing, boating and camping.

At Myakka River a visitor will find the best facilities for picnicking, fresh water fishing, boating, tent and trailer camping. In addition there are cottages for rent. There are also numerous nature trails, and playfields.

The O'Leno Recreation Area near Lake City is a popular spot.

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Scene at Highlands Hammock State Park



Picnic Area—Hillsborough River State Park



Myakka River

This is the largest park in the system and comprises 12,233 acres. It is located 16 miles east of Sarasota on the road to Arcadia known as the "Sugar Bowl Road," or State Road 220, 70 miles southeast of Tampa. The park, located in Sarasota and Manatee Counties, affords complete control of Myakka River for a distance of six miles.

In addition to the many miles of river, Myakka River State Park includes Upper Myakka Lake and Lower Myakka Lake. The latter, during extremely dry seasons, disappears down a sink known as "Deep Hole." Myakka is considered a typical example of Gulf Coast river valley and flood plain, in addition to being one of the most striking scenic areas in Florida.

It is considered one of the outstanding wild life sanctuaries in the Eastern United States, and is a haven for tremendous flocks of wading birds and other fowl, many of which are extremely rare in other parts of the country. Some of the more unusual birds are sand bill cranes, wood ibis, white ibis and mallard. Entomologists and ornithologists have come here from all over the world to study and do research.

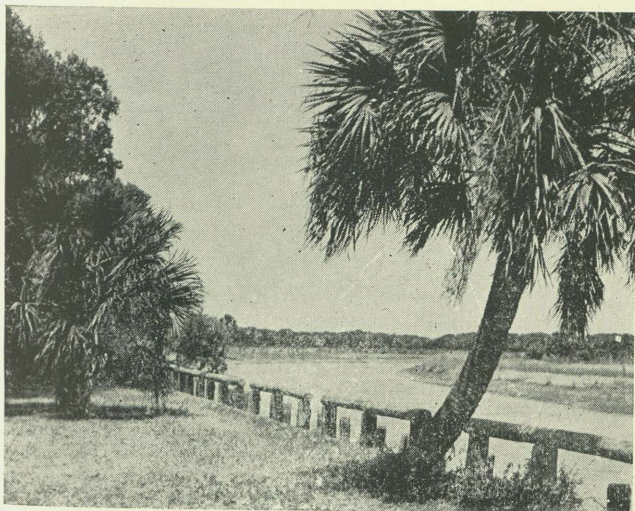
Highlands Hammock

Highlands Hammock State Park is located about six miles west of Sebring and approximately 90 miles southeast of Tampa. It was the first park to be opened to the public.

There are forests with trees 100 feet high with trunks as large as 31 feet in circumference, alligator-inhabited waters, ferns, native orchids in rainbow hues, and other ground cover plants growing everywhere along the easily traversed trails.

Three gigantic oaks have been preserved by modern tree surgery, one of which contains 40 tons of concrete and reinforcing steel.

Scene Above Boat Landing—Myakka



Of great interest are the many wild orange trees bearing the same sour orange which is famous in Seville, Spain.

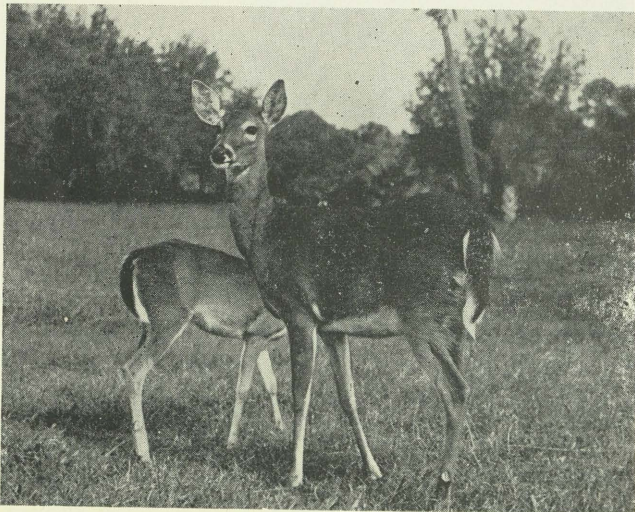
The Hammock is a natural jungle, almost untouched

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Visitors at Myakka Park



Native Doe and Fawn—Myakka



Picnic Area at Myakka State Park



Hillsborough River

Hillsborough River State Park is located five miles south of Zephyrhills and about 20 miles northeast of Tampa, on State Road No. 156 and on Hillsborough River.

Within the park Hillsborough River flows between rock-ribbed banks over two sets of rapids, the sound of which, during the periods of low water, is audible for a considerable distance. Cascades and rapids are rare and unique in Florida.

The growth of tall cabbage palm and hardwood trees, including a fine stand of cypress, is exceptionally fine.

Spanning the river in the middle of the park is a graceful suspension bridge, at the north end of which begins a natural trail loop which winds around in the hammock for a distance of almost a mile. The flora along this trail is rich in variety and quality. One old oak is a veritable garden with 10 varieties of orchids, ferns and air plants.

Outdoor Cooking at O'Leno



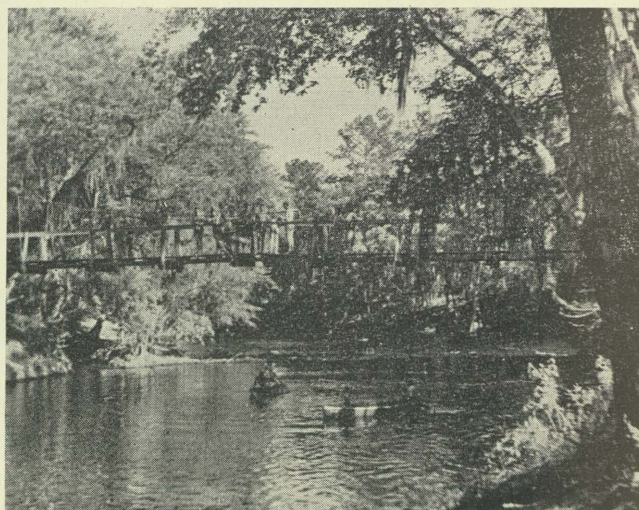
Boating on Santa Fe River—O'Leno



Shuffleboard Court at O'Leno



Rustic Suspension Bridge—O'Leno



O'Leno

O'Leno Park is located on the banks of the Santa Fe River, two miles east of the U. S. Highway No. 41. The access road leaves the highway at the O'Leno fire tower, four miles north of High Springs.

Acquired in 1934, O'Leno has become one of the finest group camps in the southeast. Its 25 buildings and supporting facilities accommodate groups of 140 to 150 people. While designed primarily for the use of agency and organization groups, picnicking and other day-use facilities are available.

Each summer the Florida Forest Service stages a camp at O'Leno for more than a hundred members of the Future Farmers of America. The youths have classes in various fields of forestry taught by experts from the Forest Service.

Fort Clinch

Located on the north end of historic Amelia Island in Nassau County, Fort Clinch State Park was acquired and developed to preserve old Fort Clinch, the superb hardwood hammock, the fine beaches so characteristic of the Florida eastern seaboard, the natural scenic assets and recreation values of the area, and to serve the cultural and recreational needs of the people.

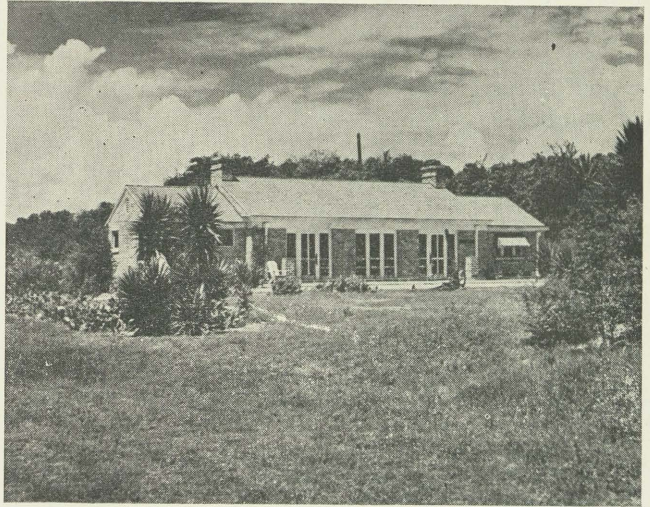
The most noteworthy physical characteristic of the park is the old fort, occupying the extreme northeast tip of the state and facing Cumberland Sound. It was named in honor of Brigadier General Duncan L. Clinch of North Carolina, who served in the army July 1, 1808 to September 21, 1836.

Although the appropriation for Fort Clinch was approved in 1842, actual construction by the United States Government was not begun until 1850. It was not completely finished at the outbreak of the Civil War, even though \$746,000 had been expended on it. The Third Regiment of Florida Volunteers was sta-

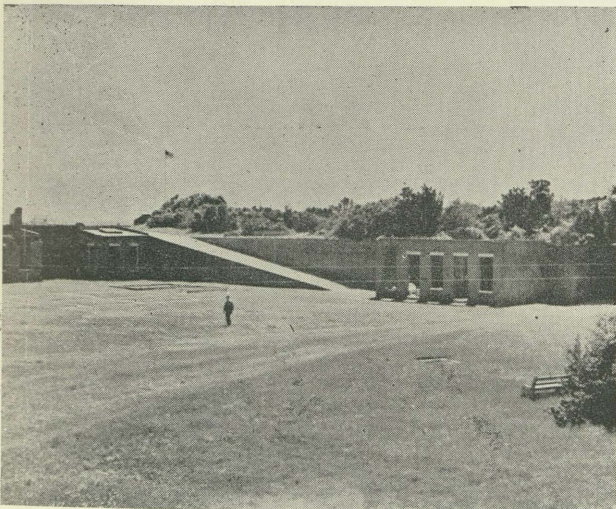
tioned here until evacuation by the Confederates in March, 1862.

The Amelia River, Cumberland Sound and the Atlantic Ocean form the west, north and east boundaries
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Concession Building—Fort Clinch



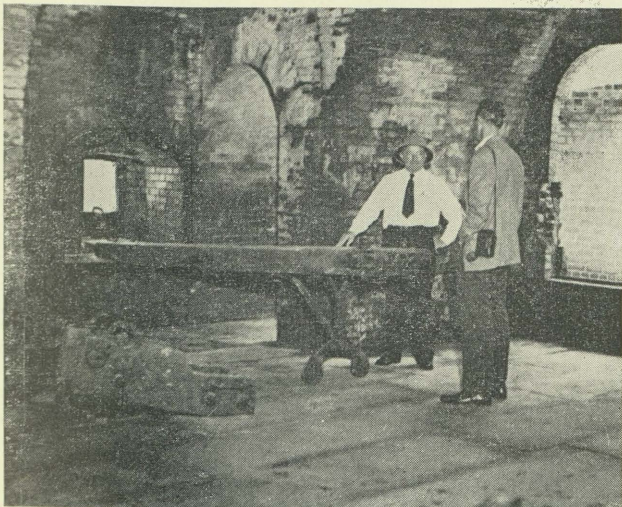
Parade Ground—Fort Clinch



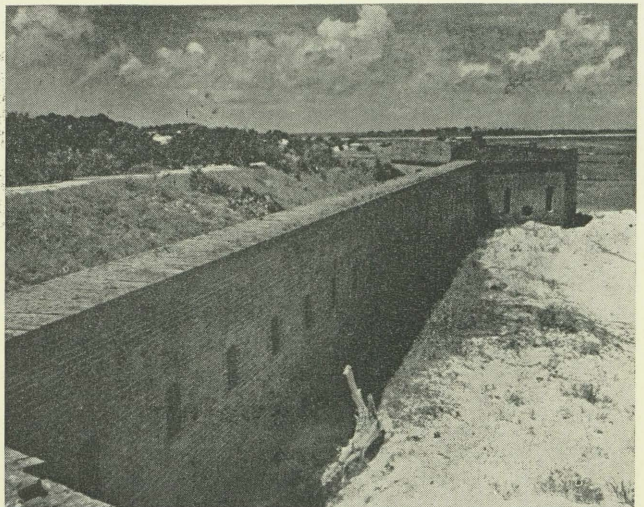
Gun Ramps atop North Wall



Gun Rack in North Bastion



North Wall—Fort Clinch



Torreya

This park is located on the high east banks of the Apalachicola River 13 miles north of Bristol and 25 miles south of Chattahoochee.

Featuring a combination of old plantation charm, rare scenic beauty, botanical and historical interests, Torreya is rich in interest to those delving into nature study or the state's early history.

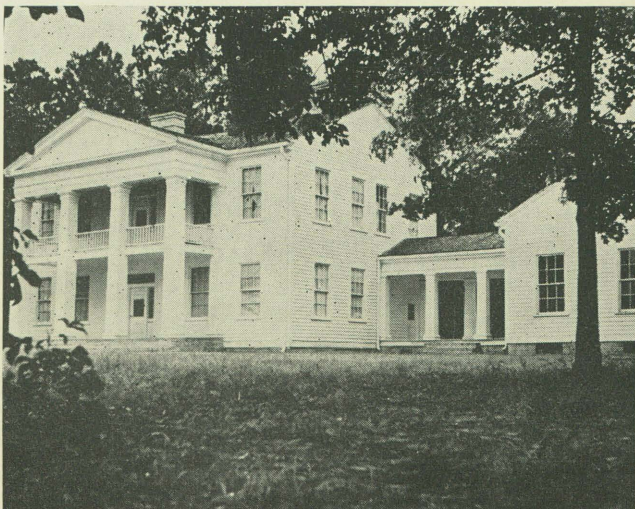
Torreya has the unique distinction of being the habitat of the Florida Torreya tree and the Florida Yew. These two trees are found only in the vicinity of this park—no other place in the world. The Torreya was found by Hardy Croom of Tallahassee, a planter and amateur botanist who discovered it while waiting for a ferry.

The terrain is rugged in character with deep ravines and high ridges. At one point you can see portions of three counties—Jackson, Calhoun, and Liberty.

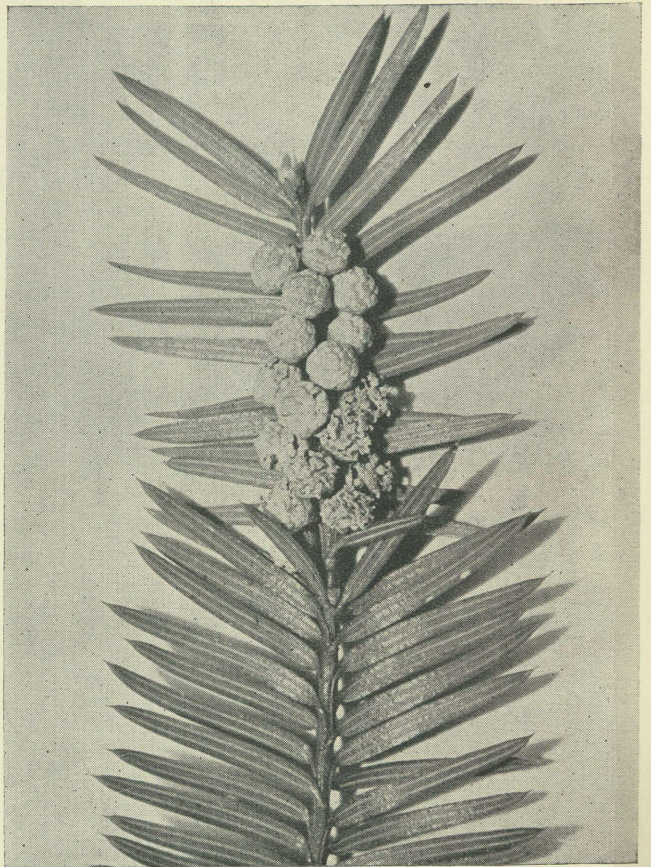
History has left its mark on Torreya. At several points along the high bluffs overlooking the river are several old Confederate gun emplacements. These were strategically placed in commanding positions to prevent Union men-of-war from sailing up the river and destroying and seizing huge cotton stores at Columbus, Georgia, and other Confederate stores.

Within the park is the old ante-bellum Gregory mansion, situated on Neals' Bluff 165 feet above the river, which has been restored and is being furnished and decorated in ante-bellum style. The old mansion was constructed about the middle of the last century by Jason Gregory at Ochesee Landing, a quarter of mile or more down the river from Neals' Bluff. After Gregory died, a daughter, Atchafalaya, lived with her husband, Dr. Grace, in the mansion for a number of years, and after her death it passed into the hands of the Neal Lumber and Crate Company of Blountstown from which it was obtained by the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks in 1936. The old home was dismantled piece by piece, towed up-river on barges, and reconstructed at its present location.

Old Gregory Mansion—Torreya



Branch from Torreya Tree



Small Specimen of Torreya Tree



Florida Caverns

The vegetation, soil character, limestone escarpments and caverns, underground river, natural bridge, springs, dense forests and the beautiful and unique assortment of plant life all combine to make Florida Caverns a distinctive park area, unexcelled in Florida.

The outstanding physical characteristics are the caverns, about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of which have been opened and lighted for public visitation on guided tours, and the unpredictable disappearance of the Chipola River and its tributaries in sink holes, and their reappearance in other sink holes.

The region bordering the river valley is high and sharply rolling, with frequent outcroppings of limestone.

The caverns present an indescribable and ever changing scene of gorgeous color and fantastic form. The formations include stalagmites, stalactites, columns,

drapes, flow masses and pools in most interesting form and color.

The park is four miles north of Marianna, on State Road No. 84, and 70 miles west of Tallahassee.

Other State Parks

Five more park sites have been acquired but as yet have not been formally dedicated. For the most part they remain undeveloped, but now that the war is over the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks has given the green light for full speed ahead in making the Florida Park System second to none in the Nation.

Among the five projected parks is the Suwannee River Park which extends for a considerable distance along the beautiful Suwannee River made famous by the songs of Stephen C. Foster.

The area includes numerous springs and high cliffs with large caverns. Along this river which is navigable

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Sightseers in Cavern Room



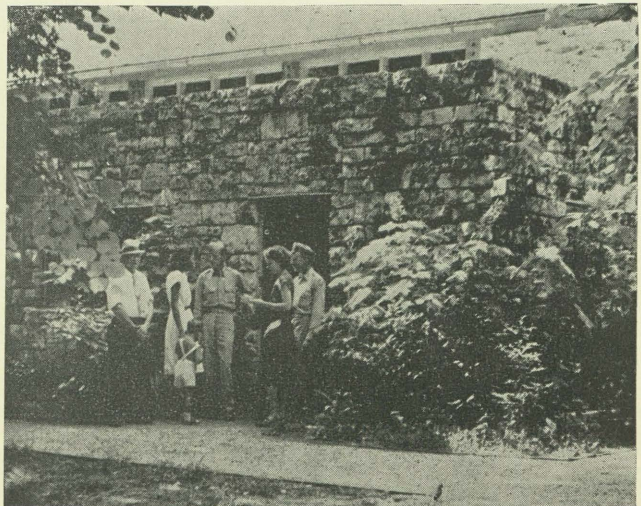
Visitors at Cave Entrance



Visitors at Wishing Well



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Gold Head Branch

Gold Head Branch State Park takes its name from Gold Head Branch, a spring-fed stream which meanders along the bottom of a beautiful ravine. The ravine, 65 feet deep, and with its several tributaries, about two miles long, has a lush growth of unusual plant life, including the needle palm. Gold Head Branch in itself is a beautiful little stream, three to ten feet wide with crystal clear water flowing over a bed of white sand.

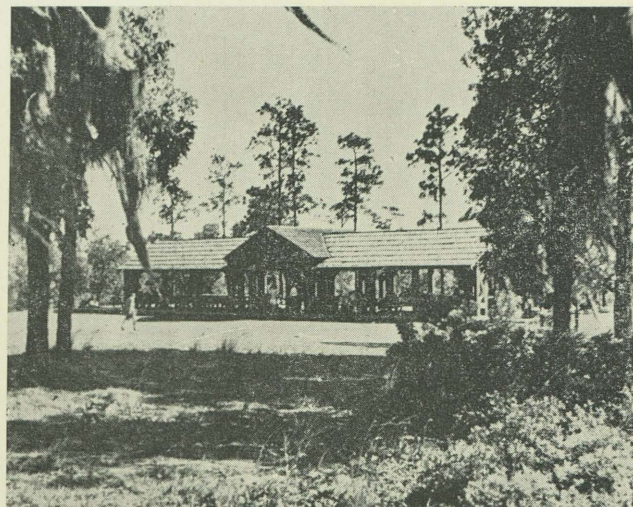
The park includes several lakes called "Sink Hole Lakes" fed by lake bottom springs. They are deep and clear, and have steep, high banks. Lake Johnson, an exception to the above, is the largest lake in the park. It is comparatively shallow, with clear water and white sand beaches. The main use area of the park is being developed along the shore of one bay of Lake Johnson.

Gold Head Branch State Park is located six miles northeast of Keystone Heights, and 45 miles southwest of Jacksonville on State Road No. 68.

Bath House Overlooking Lake Johnson



Picnic Pavilion—Gold Head



Rental Cabin for Visitors—Gold Head



Cascade—Gold Head Branch



OTHER STATE PARKS

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for more than 100 miles, are overhanging shelves of rock with deep recesses beneath.

Along the east bank of the river and just above the U. S. Highway No. 90 bridge are remains of extensive temporary earthworks constructed by the Confederates, and in this same general location the old town of Columbus flourished in the early part of the 19th century. It is said that Stephen Foster was a guest at the Columbus Inn.

The park site is located at the little town of Ellaville on U. S. Highway No. 90, midway between Live Oak and Madison.

Tomoka State Park lies at the north tip of the peninsula running north from Ormond, and is located between the historic and beautiful Halifax and Tomoka Rivers. The park proper, 525 acres in extent, is situated on U. S. Highway No. 1, 10 miles north of Daytona Beach. It is beautifully wooded with a dense hammock of oak, cabbage palm and pine.

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IT HAPPENED IN FLORIDA....

Julia Rehwinkel Holland

Albert, a 40-year-old boozehound, thought up a new way to get out of Jacksonville's city jail. He was arrested and taken to jail on election night after having stolen \$25 and gone on a toot. With the dawn, around came the jailer, calling for Hubert, a Georgian who had done too much partying, to let him post bond. Hubert was still asleep, but Albert answered, signed the snoozing man's name to a receipt for his belongings—\$11 and a pencil, left \$10 for bail and walked out. The police are still looking for him.

Just released from Pinellas county jail, where he spent 20 days for stealing imported sardines, Leslie Watkins, who police say has a "catfish purse and a caviar appetite," was headed back to jail the next afternoon when he failed to pay fine levied because he stole more sardines—not the common, garden variety, but the finest.

Mrs. B. Ehrlicker found a strange man in her Tampa apartment, but he said he had accompanied her son and had been asked to wait until the son returned. Mrs. Ehrlicker was dubious, but did not realize she had caught a thief red-handed until he left, presumably to find her son, and she discovered 25 silver dollars and a valuable diamond ring were missing.

Jacksonville police were looking for a thief with a hangover recently. The Municipal golf course clubhouse was broken into the night before. \$51 worth of goods was taken—shirts, golf hats, cigarets, etc.—and the burglar drank 12 bottles of beer before he left.

A thief with an eye for practical things stripped the wash line of Albert Berry, Plant City sanitary chief, taking hard-to-get sheets, pillow cases and all wearing apparel, except one child's sock. Chief Berry says "If they'll come back, they can have the sock they missed."

The Hillsborough county sheriff office's newly-acquired lie-detector, said to be the only one in use in

Florida, is already beginning to show its worth. A 17-year-old youth, suspected of stealing four truck tires, steadfastly denied the theft until he was quizzed with the lie-detector. When confronted with the lies on paper, he broke down and confessed.

Regretfully members of the Ft. Myers boys club said goodbye to their clubhouse telephone because the club treasury wouldn't stand any more long distance calls such as the \$7.31 call made by an intruder, who broke into the clubhouse and, giving his name as "Carson," chiseled a conversation with someone in Norfolk, Virginia.

A gun that couldn't shoot because the bullets could not be fired and the firing pin wouldn't work went off with a bang outside Miami Beach municipal court. The owner, Russell Bass, 19, who could not explain possession of a car he was driving and attempted to pull a gun from his pocket when questioned, got 60 days in jail and was turned over to the FBI on a stolen car charge.

When James P. McGrath, professional chauffeur from Mt. Kisco New York, was sent to jail for two days and fined \$100 for doing 65 miles an hour in West Palm Beach, he reluctantly admitted he had been arrested once before for speeding—in 1905 when he exceeded Boston's speed limit of eight miles an hour and was fined \$1 and costs amounting to \$2.

W. E. Combs of Tampa is getting publicity as "The Village Blacksmith—1946 Model." He covers a 250-mile territory with his horse shoeing equipment loaded on a trailer, driving from town to town and attending all the horse shows.

A girl who got on a street car in Tampa says she was offered three cents back when she got off a few blocks up Franklin Street. Bus companies please note!

The coal strike almost brought the curtain down on the Jacksonville Little Theatre's last play of the sea-

son before it went up. Costumes to be worn by the cast were caught by the strike piled up in trunks on a New York loading platform and Little Theatre Director Bramer Carlson was about ready to start pulling his hair when someone had a brilliant idea. Passenger tickets were purchased from New York to Jacksonville and the two trunks with their 45 costumes arrived as personal luggage.

The first novel of William R. Furr, retired Tampa engineer, "Tomorrow Achieved," won for the author the \$10,000 Chapman Publishing Company award for the best first novel on contemporary American life.

The June issue of Popular Mechanics has a full-page article and three photographs of Mrs. Ruth Hope Leon of Jacksonville and her Leontine Portrait Dolls. The dolls will be featured at the International Doll Show in New York City this Fall.

Montague Tallant of Bradenton has assembled one of the world's best private collections of Indian implements. His collection contains more than 18,000 pieces, jewelry, pottery, Indian weapons, fossilized bones, complete and perfect skeletons and even a mastodon lower jaw, with every tooth in place.

A Jacksonville manufacturing firm has in hand a \$1,000,000 order for a commercial electric combination scrubbing, polishing and rug cleaning machine developed by Marion H. Davis, a Jaxon. Mr. Davis is president of a sales firm that bears his name.

Two quarries in Dade County are using the novel method of quarrying limestone with wire. The wire actually is a strand of three wires twisted together pulled by a system of pulleys across the surface of the limestone at about 12 miles an hour. As the wire starts across the rock, sand and water are poured on it and the sand does the actual cutting. One of these quarries is operated by W. L. and Gerald Guthrie, and the other by Augustus St. Gaudens.

The unique bulb farm operated by W. H. O. Johnson and Johnny Shepard near Fenholloway in Taylor county produces disease-free Easter lily, gladioli and caladium bulbs.

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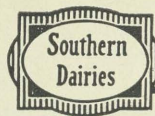
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County Activities and Personalities . . .

Dade County has made an appropriation of \$25,000 for entertainment and housing of distinguished Latin American guests. The County Commission has recommended the item in its budget, which will be subject to the approval of the Budget Commission.

Jacksonville's City Planning Advisory Board has asked Duval County Zoning Commission to help create a plan to prevent traffic accidents on arterial highways. Specifically, the city board has asked the county board to hold to a minimum all construction of businesses on arterial roads in the county.

Monroe County Commissioners have passed a resolution asking the State Road Department to repair the boulevard on the south side of the island. The county wants the work done from its share of the surplus gasoline tax funds.

Duval County Commissioners have approved transfer of funds sufficient to make up a \$3,000 deficit in the operation of the Hazelhurst Sanitarium. The Commissioners were told by Harry R. Pride, representing Duval Tuberculosis Association, that increased cost of operations at the Sanitarium could not be met by the payments usually allocated from the county for patients.

Pinellas County's second big water conservation project has been approved by the County Commissioners who agreed to meet fifty per cent of the cost of the \$15,000 undertaking. The project is Alligator Creek, just south of Safety Harbor.

A reward of \$25 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person guilty of dumping garbage on the highways has been offered by the St. Lucie Board of County Commissioners. The board also has called for enforcement of the state law against this practice.

Dr. James E. Mooney, Pinellas county head of aeronautics, recently told county commissioners that the Pinellas area would benefit from Latin American air commerce, which soon will be inaugurated in that area. Dr. Mooney advised the commissioners of assurances from Washington that needed customs and immigration officials would be assigned to the Pinellas Airport. He recently headed the delegation of Pinellas county officials traveling to Guatemala and San Salvador to engage in a series

of important conferences on the subject.

Five Bradford County boys were selected to take the 4-H Club short course at the University of Florida, according to County Agent L. T. Dyer who identified the boys selected as Doyle Conner, Vernon Crosby, Rodney Hall, Harry Green and Ray Griffis.

Duval County Board of Commissioners have voted to transfer \$5,000 of surplus revenue to the Jacksonville City Commission to complete a \$30,000 fund needed to provide sewage, drainage and paving for the Woodstock Park subdivision.

Palm Beach County Commissioner Paul Rardin has announced that none of the new equipment secured for the district will be loaned to any person, corporation or institution for any purpose as it must be used on county work for which it was obtained.

Escambia County Board of Commissioners has received a petition from the Escambia Principals' Association for higher salaries for teachers. The community states that the salaries now offered teachers are not attracting younger people to prepare for the teaching profession.

Duval County Board of Commissioners has approved the employment of four additional workers at the County Canning Center together with increases in salaries for present employees. The program was designed to increase the efficiency of the department and to meet demands arising from efforts to relieve the European and Asiatic famines.

Highlands County Commissioners have accepted a bid for the purchase of a dragline. The equipment is to be delivered within one year.

Broward County Commissioners have referred to the County Health group and Medical Society for direct recommendation a request by the Caterers' Association for support in an aerial DDT spraying campaign. The commission withheld action to await the advice of medical men.

St. Johns County Commissioners have decided to advertise for bids on repairs to pilings on the ocean pier. Several pilings were lost recently, endangered fifty feet of the decking, and serious

damage is anticipated unless repair work is undertaken.

A new \$6,000 health center at Tarpon Springs is being planned by Pinellas County Commissioners. The board is considering plans for the construction of the building from concrete block.

A delegation of citizens recently appeared before the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners asking for a portion of the race track money to be used for school developments in School District No. 3. The delegation came as the result of a mass meeting of the citizens interested in the completion of a new school building started a month ago in the county seat, Crestview.

Everglades property taken by the county for taxes will be withheld from sale pending possible use of the area in water conservation and control work, members of the Palm Beach Board of County Commissioners decided at a recent meeting. The land included all of the area west of the line between ranges 40 and 41, south from the Palm Beach county line to the New River canal in an area west of Road 26-A to the county line.

Members of the Lake County Board of Commissioners and several other county officials recently were guests at a luncheon of County Home Demonstration Agent Mrs. Lucie K. Miller and the Home Demonstration Clubwomen of the county.

Holmes County Board of Commissioners is operating on a balanced budget with every fund showing a nice reserve, according to a published report of the Commissioners recently released.

Clay County Commissioners, meeting in special session, voted to sponsor a public housing project of several hundred units, initiating steps to relieve the critical housing condition at Green Cove Springs and other nearby areas.

Palm Beach County Commissioners have been informed by Paul A. Rainey, County Veterinarian, that 242 cattle were tested last month and none was found to have tuberculosis.

Members of the Bay County Board of Commissioners have received an appeal for appointment of a County Ser-

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FLORIDA FOURTH ESTATE

POLLUTED STREAMS

Up in the heart of Fort Pierce there is an attractive little boat basin facing Fort Pierce inlet. Called Taylor creek, this handy basin has long been a favored mooring place for commercial and pleasure craft. There are numerous fish houses, and the little estuary could be developed as a tourist attraction, with boats for rent and baits for sale.

But there is a flaw in this otherwise rosy picture. Up at the head of Taylor creek is a citrus pulp plant which dumps its residue into the little river. Acids have killed every form of fish life and blacken the paint and foul the bottoms of the boats moored there. A young fellow from St. Augustine recently opened a "U-Drive-It" boat service in the creek, with the intention also of supplying live mullet and live shrimp for fishermen. The paint on his new boats turned black within two weeks, and he finds it impossible to keep live bait.

Down at Salerno in Martin county the residue from the canning plant goes into little creek in the heart of that community and thence into Manatee pocket. It, too, has been credited with blackening boat bottoms, and it is conceivable that this operation could be a marked pollution hazard.

Now, before our waters are badly polluted, is the time to take remedial steps. Every community wants enterprising industrial activities—but ways and means should be found to see that those activities do not dump their spoils into creeks or rivers. Florida is growing, and with the growth of Florida there will be many new industries. A great many of them will choose the banks of rivers as handy outlets to dispose of waste. State and county legislation is needed to see that all waste goes into settling basins or is otherwise purified before becoming a part of the rivers.

Stuart has remarked for years about the picturesque sight of the gulls meeting passenger trains as they cross our bridge but there's a sorry reason at the bottom. The trains dump garbage overboard. Our river should not be used as a garbage dump. A little every day, a little more from every source, and that is what it eventually will become—a garbage dump, stinking and noisome—instead of a beautiful, clean river.—Stuart News

HAS PUBLIC APPROVAL

Florida's entire education system can look forward confidently to an intelligent, practical expansion program if Governor Caldwell's purpose is not thwarted.

The Governor is sensitively aware of the state's education needs, in adequate financing, in construction, in equipment and the preeminent factor of capable, modern-trained staffs.

Governor Caldwell has run into opposition from Comptroller J. M. Lee in a bookkeeping argument over the allotment of funds to the University of Florida at Gainesville, the Florida State College for Women and the Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes, both at Tallahassee.

Florida has been niggardly in its allocation of funds to its three great schools of higher learning.

Only \$10, 397,657 has been spent on buildings at the three institutions since they were founded. Of this \$6,803,544 was state funds with the remainder coming from Federal grants, gifts and college auxiliary sources.

At no time in their history has the demand on the state-supported schools been so great for education services. FSCW is today one of the largest of women's colleges with a registration of more than 2,500. Entrance is denied to all but Florida residents. With thousands of returning veterans clamoring to enroll at the University of Florida, it was found necessary not only to limit students to Floridians but to peg enrollment at 5,000. The schools have reached capacity.

Governor Caldwell and a majority of the Cabinet are convinced the disputed accounts are available to the building fund, and have authorized the expenditure of a sum equal to one-third of money spent on the three schools since the turn of the century.

The Governor pledged himself to better the education facilities of the state at election time. It is encouraging to every thinking citizen of Florida to see him striking out boldly to fulfill that pledge. He will have full support of the people.—Miami Herald

NEW FLORIDA CONSTITUTION

Thomas D. Beasley, speaker-designate of the 1947 Florida House of Representatives, gave an indication of what may be one of the biggest issues of next year's session when, in a speech at Lakeland this week, he advocated the calling of a constitutional convention to give the state a more modern basic law. This is by no means a new issue, for as amendment after amendment has been pasted onto Florida's present constitution, more and more legislators have suggested the desirability of a new beginning and streamlining.

Beasley also made another suggestion which is particularly pertinent following last year's helter-skelter regular session and the long special session on reappointment. He advocated extension of the regular session from its present 60 days to 90 days, and gave his opinion that the business of the state government has grown to such proportions that it cannot possibly be handled in two months out of each two years.

Along with the recommendations of Governor Caldwell's tax revision committee, we may expect these two ideas to hold a good bit of the (Continued on Page 28)

IT HAPPENED IN FLORIDA

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Mrs. Harry Heeren, whose hobby is growing many hundreds of flowering trees, shrubs and bulbs, which she gives away to as many hundreds of Sanford friends and neighbors, has succeeded in getting an almost white flower from the original deep red amaryllis. She has spent much time studying and hybridizing amaryllis.

An Auburndale grower, Harvey Henderson, has 10,000 gardenia plants, which is probably the world's largest gardenia planting.

A unique gavel made by Dr. A. W. Wood from ironwood discovered in the jungles within the city of Miami—the piece of wood probably blown down by some tropical storm hundreds of years ago—was presented to the Honorable Pat Neff, president of the Southern Baptist convention, in Miami by the Reverend Waldo E. Wood, brother of Dr. Wood.

Julius F. Parker, T. T. Turnbull and Geraldine Davis have organized the Personal Remailing Service, Inc., possibly the first of its kind chartered in Florida. The firm has authority to publish, mail and circulate letters, books, pamphlets and articles; to operate reading rooms, libraries, newspaper rooms, buy, sell or trade tickets for entertainment. The main offices will be in Tallahassee.

Following the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Hall and James A. Scanlan, Jr., on June 15 in Avon Park, the bridal couple left for an elaborate honeymoon trip to New York City with all expenses paid by a nationally known radio show. Their courtship described by a sister of the bridegroom, Mrs. Charles Blake of Coral Gables, in a letter to the CBS radio show won the trip for them.

Robert Smith of Jacksonville will let his wife decide who will "wear the pants" in their household without argument. Mrs. Smith, an ex-U. S. Army nurse, was married to her husband, a kilt-clad Scotch choral director who temporarily laid down his baton to volunteer for front line service in a British tank unit in Tunisia, while serving overseas.

An adventurous Tampan, Kim Powell, who left home in a 15-foot sailboat and returned nine years later in a 50-foot schooner, has set sail again—this time back to the tropics. He and his wife, whom he married in the Canal Zone, were headed for Christobal by way of Key West and Cuba.

There's one Jacksonville man who is really boss in his own house. His wife started divorce proceedings, which were not completed because of his army induction and shipment overseas, so she married a sailor without a divorce and accepted dependency checks from this second husband, which the sailor allegedly spent. Husband No. 1, now back in this country, came to her rescue when the check irregularities were investigated and she went back to live with him. So Federal Judge Dozier A. DeVane put her on probation for five years and ordered her to report to her husband instead of the regular probation officer.

The odds were against a Tampa woman charged with crashing a vase over her husband's head. Her mother, brother, daughter and son-in-law all testified against her for "not treating him right," then pa-

raded from the courtroom to let her serve 35 days in lieu of \$35.

E. E. Parker bypassed the black market in building materials and solved the housing problem for his family in the Green Cove Springs area by building a two-story house of empty ammunition boxes. The walls are thick, giving protection from cold in winter and from heat in summer. He plans to cover the

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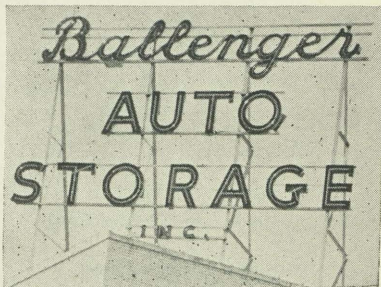
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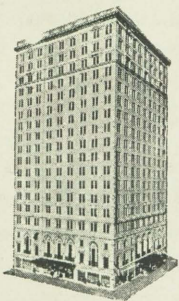


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Former First Sergeant E. M. Woodard of Miami is a veteran who is solving his own housing problem by building his own house on a lot his wife bought while he was serving in Europe. Mrs. Woodard is the architect and assistant builder, and Woodard says she is also the boss.

Liquor is prohibited at the Myakka River State Park, but Superintendent Allen Crowley decently revealed he had found a little raccoon obviously drunk. The coon unwittingly went on the bender by eating too many saw palmetto berries.

A python in the Hialeah Zoo of Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Rochelle made python history when it produced 41 eggs in captivity. A python surviving in captivity is considered exceptional and it is believed that the python owned by Mr. and Mrs. Rochelle is the first to produce eggs in captivity.

Mrs. Ellie Lott, who lives five miles from Plant City, discovered that something had made away with a large number of her chickens. Diagnosing the trouble as wildcats, her husband got out his shotgun, enlisted the aid of a neighbor, and bagged a 38-pound wildcat. Another hunt resulted in the killing of a smaller wildcat.

Two screech owls, maddened at the sight of bald heads glistening in the moonlight, attacked four men in the 1800 block of Northwest South

River Drive, Miami, recently. Speculation was that heat and high humidity may have made the birds a bit screwy.

Grover C. Hackney, state conservation agent, reported seeing 11 manatee feeding in the river near East Fort Myers. The manatee is scarce and Mr. Hackney can't find any old-timers around Ft. Myers who have seen as many as 11 in one bunch before.

John (The Snout) Dillinger, one of South Florida's most notorious characters has been captured and, if the Superintendent of Myakka River State Park can manage it, John will be a museum piece behind a padlocked gate the remainder of his natural life. John, one of Florida's last razorback hogs, has been a holy terror to dogs, hunters and fences in Myakka River Park and in most of Sarasota County for the past eight or ten years.

In St. Augustine, Marvin C. Norton, going to empty garbage in large garbage can at rear of the apartment house where he lives, was greeted by a 'possum, which apparently couldn't get out of the can despite his frantic leaps for freedom. Police came to the rescue.

A handsome Collie dog with a Miami dog tag was found in Chicago and Miami police have been trying to locate the owner.

A seven-foot alligator was captured at the corner of Park Street and Second Avenue South in St. Petersburg by Jack Atherton.

Miami postmen noticed a spaniel which followed along after them whimpering if they didn't give him a letter when passing his home. They learned his mistress gave the pup a cookie every time he brought her a letter. Now the postmen make sure the pup gets his daily cookie by giving him a blank C.O.D. slip if there is no letter.

Statistics say that one in every thousand Chihuahua dogs born will be a blue Chihuahua, so Kibb's Cer-

nonel Azul, a blue Chihauhau owned by Mrs. Dorothy Kibbe of Fern Park is "one in a thousand."

A picture of a chimpanzee selling The Miami Herald on the streets of Hollywood taken by Sam Beneckson won recognition as the best photograph of the week taken by any International News Pictures staff photographer.

Barbara Norris, 14, who weighs only 80 pounds, landed a 130-pound tarpon all by herself at Ft. Myers.

The Southern Milk Goat Owners and Breeders Association has a new member—probably the youngest in America. He is eight-year-old Shelly Rabineau of Jacksonville. Shelly owns four goats, sells goat milk to friends and neighbors, and expects to develop a herd.

Maybe somebody should whisper in the ears of the two Canadians, who plan to drive reindeer from Circle City, Alaska, to Key West, that there is practically no ice or snow in these parts.

Tampa police officials are to be commended on their decision to organize a junior pistol club for boys, 10 through 17, to teach them how to use firearms properly.

Quiet, unassuming Malcolm McKinley, Jr., of Tampa doesn't consider himself a bookworm, but his 99 average in all the college placement tests, given Plant High seniors by the Florida Testing Bureau, amazed everyone.

Many people will envy the way Hugh Mays of Tallahassee solved the cement shortage. He mentioned needing two sacks of cement to Mrs. Mildred Smith, who had come up from Winter Haven to attend the wedding of Mays' daughter, and she supplied the cement at once. Mrs. Smith is in the hardware business and was using the cement as ballast in trunk of her coupe.

Mrs. Ruby Parrish and her four childred of Bradford county had the

unpleasant experience of being forced, at point of gun, to entertain three escaped convicts. They promised not to harm her or her family if she would prepare a meal for them and paid her \$2.50 for the food and two packages of cigarettes, but waited for the return of the owner of a nearby car and carried him and a man companion away with them in the car.

Two chicken houses and 359 chickens were victims of a tornado which hit near the home of Irving McConkey at Bowling Green. A State Road Department truck passing in front of the house was picked up and turned completely around.

The woman finder of a box containing 2 rusted pistols, a diamond bracelet, a camera, rusty tools and a set of old automobile license plates spent an uncomfortable night at St. Petersburg. The woman found the box a year ago, took it home and forgot about it. When she decided to pawn the bracelet a few days ago, police arrested her and compared this bracelet with description of one stolen in February. The bracelets proved to be different and she was freed.

The Tallahassee fire department had a fire brought to them on a recent day instead of having to go to the fire. A motorist breezed up to the fire station and asked firemen to

extinguish a blaze in the front seat upholstery of his car.

Five or six persons waited in line at the only phone booth of a Jacksonville drug store while a plump matron prattled on unheedingly for 20 minutes or more. Finally a thoroughly disgusted man reached down, tore part of a side of a cosmetic carton, wrote on it and jammed it in crack at top of the booth door to form a sign on outside of booth. The sign read "No Vacancy."

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COUNTY ACTIVITIES

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vice Officer under recent state legislation authorizing the office and attendant expenses. The veterans organizations representatives attended the meeting of the commission after which members agreed to take the matter under advisement and to act in the near future.

Dade County Commission has voted to resubmit to the voters the five bond issues totalling \$5,500,000 which failed to carry in the May 7 election because a majority of freeholders failed to vote.

Volusia County Commissioners have adopted two resolutions which will affect building lines and building code regulations in the Daytona Beach area. The resolutions pertain to sections along Atlantic Avenue to the river south

of Daytona Beach near Wilbur-by-the Sea.

Monroe County Commissioners have granted the Coastguard Geodetic Survey permission to erect an experimental station on Key Largo.

Hillsborough County Commission has been asked to include \$4,000 in next year's budget to help defray expenses of four conventions which will be held in Tampa during the Commissioners 1946-47 fiscal year. The conventions scheduled are: International Order of Eastern Star, The American Racing Pigeon Union, the State Musical Festival and the Florida Education Association.

Orange County Commissioners have been warned to use care in the use of some of the preparation now being sold for the purpose of killing weeds. They were told that there had been cases where cattle died from eating grass sprayed with some of the various solutions and warned that if used in large quantities to exterminate hyacinths harmful results might occur.

An increase in pay to poll workers to sixty cents an hour instead of the usual fifty cents has been granted by the Hardee Commissioners.

Florida's "Forest Penthouses"

Did you know the Florida Park Service has penthouses for rent at \$5 a week?

You will have to know how to climb a tree and sometimes may need a boat to reach them. But if you are hankering after a novel experience and solitude, you should put in a few nights at what the Park Service calls its "Forest Penthouses."

These playhouses are two cabins, erected high in enormous live oak trees at Myakka River State Park. The lofty sites were chosen when it was found that the water of the upper Myakka lake rose several feet during the rainy season, making the usual ground level cabins impractical.

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TIME TANGLE

In the spring a good many fancies lightly turn to thoughts of daylight saving. In some states it is standard practice, being established by legislative act in at least five. Eighteen others legalize it by local option while several, Florida among them, let it go hit or miss. However, approximately half the country, mostly states in the West and South, will have none of it. One of them, Wisconsin, has considered outlawing "clock changing" by statute but appears not to have devised penalties that would stick. Agricultural areas generally denounce it while it is just as generally favored in the larger urban communities, particularly in the East.

Like the cocktail hour and the ingredients thereof there are two clashing schools of thought and a large neutral class on daylight saving: those who like it, abhor it or can take it or leave it. While undoubtedly in the majority the latter class is neither active nor vocal and is usually dragged along by the weight of fervor among the other two.

In debating the matter all three viewpoints, especially those in the middle, meet in an area of agreement on the point that it is better to have either daylight or standard time than a mix-up of both. However, if there is to be uniformity it will have to be on daylight saving since some places are going to use that time anyway and can't be prevented by law. All things considered the most satisfactory arrangement was "war time" proclaimed by the president on authority granted by congress. Even that was not legally compulsory but under the auspices of the government it worked. The trouble with war time, of course, was that it applied the year around while daylight saving is normally adapted to the summer months only. Usually it goes into effect the end of April and stays through September.

In Florida the question has popped up through adoption of daylight saving in Miami and St. Petersburg. West Palm Beach and several others are thinking of following suit while a number of towns have rejected it. Sentiment in Florida follows the national pattern, the larger cities favoring it while rural

sections and the smaller towns, particularly in West Florida, are violently opposed.

Adoption by one place has a tendency to carry neighboring communities along. Fort Lauderdale followed Miami in going on fast time and that in turn has influenced West Palm Beach to give the matter consideration. Tampa, a source of complaint about war time, is perturbed because adjacent St. Petersburg has gone on daylight saving. This will gum up many inter-city activities and has caused middle-of-the-roads to lean toward daylight saving in order to avoid confusion. If Tampa should follow St. Pete then Lakeland, Bradenton and Sarasota would be influenced and the trend might even reach Fort Myers. In fact with Miami, Palm Beach and the Tampa area using daylight saving on three sides of us there would be difficulties if we didn't fall in line.

At this time of year it could be done with considerable benefit and without much disadvantage except for the general confusion, which will exist anyway. The chief usefulness is that it would give another hour of daylight with the sun setting at 7:49 instead of 6:49 as it did April 5. For this we would exchange an hour in the morning with the sun rising at 7:16 instead of 6:16. The added evening hour is available to all while a good many would sleep through the hour from 6 to 7 a. m. without knowing or caring whether it was light or dark.

Virtually the same result, of course, can be achieved by changing business and working hours. If the grocery stores, for example, closed at 5 p. m. instead of 6, and other schedules were changed to conform, the extra daylight hour could be obtained while remaining on standard time. To get in a full day, however, it would be necessary to open an hour earlier, and that's the

rub that makes it impractical. In consequence we shall probably worry along as we did before the war, wishing that the clocks were everywhere the same—provided they were the same as each wisher's convenience or opinion. Fort Myers News-Press

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FLORIDA STATE PARKS

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lovers. It provides pleasant picnic grounds, excellent swimming facilities, fresh water fishing, boating, camping accommodations in cabins, and tent camping. For those who love hiking through the woods and forests there is a system of nature trails. And for the sports minded there are several play fields, shuffleboard and tennis courts.

Perhaps the finest fresh water fishing in the state may be found at the Hillsborough River State Park. Many fishing enthusiasts the nation over annually visit the Hillsborough River to

battle for its game bass, noted for their great size as well as fighting prowess. Picnicking, bathing, and boating accommodations are of the best. Offered also are tent camping facilities, and cottages for group camping. Nature trails wind in and out among the lovely old oaks and lush semi-tropical growth that abounds in the vicinity of the meandering Hillsborough River. A number of playfields have been established for those who prefer active sports.

Gold Head Branch State Park near Keystone Heights provides residents of north central Florida with excellent facilities for picnicking, bathing, fresh



water fishing, boating, tent and trailer camping. Cottages are also available. Nature trails and play fields round out the accommodations at Gold Head.

Historic old Fort Clinch at Fernandina is the only state park now in operation which offers salt water fishing, and many visitors take advantage of their visit to the Fort to cast a line in the nearby surf. There are no boating facilities, but there is excellent picnicking and bathing, and there are fine accommodations for tent and trailer camping. Nature trails lead from the Fort to the immediate surrounding area, so steeped in legend and history.

Visitors to the Florida Caverns will find that in addition to the caverns, the nature trails offer an interesting diversion for the study of plant life representative of the northwest Florida sector and containing many species not found again until one reaches the southern foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. After an excursion through the caverns and a tour of the nature trails, the visitor will find pleasant picnic grounds nearby with facilities for cooking over outdoor ovens. As at most of the parks, wood and charcoal may be obtained for moderate charges.

Torreya State Park, although not yet formally opened, may be visited. Here the traveler will find the most unusual terrain in Florida. The flatlands with their pine give way suddenly to sweeping, rolling hills covered with a heavy verdure unequaled in the state for its diversity. This is the home of the Florida Torreya tree—the only kind of its species in the world and found nowhere else, although there are similar species in California, China and the Near East. Here, too, is found the Florida Yew, which is even rarer than the Torreya. The visitor may picnic, fish or travel the nature trails in search of the Torreya and the Yew.

Admission to all state parks was abolished June 1, and changes announced in other costs. Parking costs 25 cents for passenger cars and other vehicles with less than 10 persons, \$1 for trucks with 10 or more persons; camping 25 cents daily and \$1 weekly; boats 25 cents an hour, bed linen 50 cents a bed, and charcoal 25 cents a bag. The use of boat houses costs 10 cents at Hillsborough River and Gold Head Branch State Parks.

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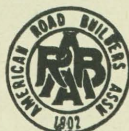
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In addition to the park proper, Tomoka now includes an entrance road right-of-way connecting with U. S. Highway No. 1, the old Bulow Plantation home and sugar mill site consisting of 109 acres, Addison Blockhouse with 5 acres, and Ormond Tomb with 9.3 acres. Park system officials hope ultimately to acquire several additional historic sites and structures lying between Port Orange and Bulow Plantation.

One of the very few completely unspoiled subtropical jungle areas on the lower Florida east coast is the New River Jungle Hammock, a portion of which comprises Pan-American State Park. Consisting of about 300 acres and located in Broward County, two miles west of Fort Lauderdale and 25 miles north of Miami, the park is accessible either by State Road No. 26, or by New River.

North New River Canal and South Canal form two boundaries of the park, and New River flows along the eastern edge. Indian legend states this river came into existence in a single night.

In speaking of the flora of the park, Frank Sterling, former Chief Inspector of the State Plant Board and noted botanist of South Florida, said: "Of the tropical and subtropical flora indigenous to Florida, approximately 75 per cent is found in the New River Jungle Hammock." There are several varieties of the native Rubber Tree; and the Custard Apple and Giant Coco Plum grow in profusion. In addition to the magnificent specimens of the Octopus Fig, the Gumbo Limbo, and 80 foot Cypress trees, there are six distinct families of ferns ranging from giant to pigmy.

Bounded by Tenth Street on the south, the Atlantic on the east and the Intracoastal Waterway on the west, Hugh Taylor Birch State Park is located on north Fort Lauderdale Beach. The park consists of 180 acres, has 400 feet frontage on the ocean, and a little over a mile frontage on the inland waterway.

Hugh Taylor Birch, a retired corporation lawyer of Ohio, came to Fort Lauderdale in 1894 and at one time owned most of what is now Fort Lauderdale Beach.

Birch donated the park to the state December 31, 1941, after constructing improvements costing more than \$130,000, consisting of a \$30,000 residence, and clearing, dredging, grading and planting. These improvements include a fresh water lake running almost the full length of the property. The state has not begun development work but plans indicate intensive development of ocean-front facilities for surf bathing, canal front facilities for boating and fishing, and adequate dining and refreshment accommodations. The park will also be landscaped to present an effect of harmonious form and color.

The newest park acquired by the state, Collier-Seminole State Park, lies at the intersection of U. S. Highway No. 94 (Tamiami Trail) and State Road 27-A in Collier County.

This acreage embraces Barron Collier Memorial Park, Royal Palm Hammock, about 800 acres of pines and palms, 200 acres of cypress and 4500 acres of mangrove and prairie. Through the mangrove and prairie

area there is a maze of waterways, all opening into the "Ten Thousand Island" area in the Gulf.

The park, in addition to botanical and scenic values, offers boating and game fishing at its best.

HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK

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by the hand of man. Its area is underlaid with limestone in which remains of numerous prehistoric animals have been found. A land turtle fossil, the second best fossil in the state, is one of these. It is estimated the turtle roamed this area about 35,000 years ago. It is an ideal bird sanctuary where more than 100 varieties including mallard ducks, geese, owls, quail, wild turkey, white ibis and the little blue heron make their homes. More than 60 other varieties have been identified that pass through on migrations.

FORT CLINCH

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of the park, and picturesque sand dunes and a dense hardwood hammock add to its beauty. A mile and a half of sound and ocean beach provide a fine natural salt water and salt air playground, while the two mile long south jetty offers excellent fishing.

Improvements include partial restoration of Fort Clinch, one building of which houses an interesting museum, a river-front picnic ground, a refreshment house, a beautiful lodge which is about 90 per cent completed, about five miles of roads, and two miles of foot trails.

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The governors are working for more equitable freight rates for the South and we know Mr. Caldwell understands the justice of the program and realizes how tremendously present rates weight down Southern economy, production and industry.

We hope he will find some way to

expedite the course of adjustment and that the other governors will work vigorously to follow his leadership and accomplish within this year what for 10 years they have sought.—Orlando Sentinel

BIG OUTPUT LOOMS ON IDLE ACRES

Five million now-idle acres of South Florida wasteland could produce the necessities of life for 5,000,000 people, James L. Orr, managing director of the Miami Research Foundation, told the Ties club Monday.

Orr, an engineer with long experience in forest products, showed his listeners samples of woods which make amazing growth on submarginal land. Some of these, he declared, already have large market possibilities. For others markets could be created.

In the same space that North Florida uses to produce \$15 worth of pulp wood, South Florida can produce \$300 worth of mahogany, the speaker said. Mahogany is now making rapid growth as shade trees along Biscayne boulevard and along many other city streets.

The mangroves which grow in jungle-like masses through the keys are an excellent source of tanning material. Unlike oak, where only the bark is usable, the entire mangrove tree is a tanning source.

Mangrove Furniture

Mangrove also makes a fine furniture wood, the speaker said. The cajeput, known as the male-leuca and familiar to both home and professional landscaping artists, was held up as another fast-growing wood of many commercial possibilities. Capable of growth from the swamps to the rocklands, the wood is fine-grained and takes a high polish, while the cork-like bark is a fine insulating material. The leaves

are the source of a medicinal oil now imported from the Orient.

Even the Australian pine, which has become almost a pest in many areas, was shown to be a close-grained, tough wood of possible use in furniture making or for cellulose.

The speaker also exhibited a locally grown tung nut which, he said, is one of three annual crops taken from the tree. The nut was described as edible as well as a source of fine oil for paints and varnishes. North Florida trees produce but one crop a year and the nuts are poisonous.

The address was made at the regular weekly meeting of the Ties club at the Seven Seas. The research foundation is a nonprofit organization, created by the club to advise and attract new light industries to this area.—Miami Herald

FLORIDA'S LOWLY SCRUB OAK MAY BE NEW TANNING SOURCE

GAINESVILLE—A boost for the nation's leather industry from the humble and despised scrub oak tree is predicted by research engineers at the University of Florida.

In another instance of science turning a liability into an asset, the engineers are working on a project to get tannin—a substance used in making leather from cowhide—from the bark of Florida scrub oaks.

Farmers and foresters have had no use for the tree because of its encroachment on pine land. If the university project is concluded successfully, however, farmers will profit from their previously worthless scrub oak groves.

They'll also have a local market for cattle hides. A new Florida industry in large tanneries is foreseen by the university engineering and industrial experiment station, which needs only additional funds now to carry out a sample factory tannery operation.

The university research engineers explain that chestnut wood, up to now the nation's chief domestic source of tannin, has all but disappeared because of a plant disease that is destroying American chestnut trees. For the tests, the Florida state board of control has released \$6,750 and the state hopes that business interests which will profit from the project will contribute the remainder of an estimated total of \$20,000 needed.—Miami Daily News

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FLORIDIAN'S FIRST BOOK BRINGS HER WINDFALL

. . . By Hampton Dunn

WINTER HAVEN, March 21.—The critics just can't agree on Mrs. Elizabeth Metzger Howard's first novel, "Before the Sun Goes Down."

Some say it is "one of those dirty word novels so popular these days," that it is "anti-Semitism, anti-Catholic, etc.," while others see "good will among men" shining forth in the book.

Personally, Mrs. Howard doesn't care what the critics say about her sensational book, but she does ask that "they read it first." She believes those who have cursed it, have not read the book before they sounded off.

In her modest, attractive home here on Lake Spring, Mrs. Howard said she did not write the book from the point of having a moral in it. However, if there is one, she said it would be in favor of racial tolerance.

"I have such a strong feeling for racial tolerance," she said. "When I was 12 years old, I had an experience that I shall never forget.

"At my school, there was a little Jewish girl who was one of my best friends. There was another girl in our crowd—a little snip—who told my Jewish friend one day, "We cannot go around together after we grow up, so we might as well break off our friendship now."

Then, the very place where Mrs. Howard wrote her book—her home here—has a history of tolerance. It once was the home of Anna Howard Shaw, the great suffrage leader. Before the war, Mrs. Howard reported people often came to her home to pick a twig from the tree of Mrs. Shaw's former home.

The author recommends her book for general reading, says it was not designed for only adult or any other age group.

Her birthplace, Bedford, Pa., provided the scene for her story of small town life.

Mrs. Howard's book brought more cash money prior to publication than any novel ever written—\$20,000 from Doubleday-Doran, \$125,000 from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Success of her effort surprises the modest writer, who said she did try to produce a book "That did not copy anyone."

'Not a First Draft'

One critic said "no self-respecting author would consider this (Mrs. Howard's book) even as a first draft."

"Some of the critics have given me hell," she admitted. "But what makes me mad is that they do not read the book before they start criticizing."

Long a writer of short stories, the

Floridian never attempted a full-length novel until this one, which she started in 1931. She put it away for a time, then about five years ago brought it out and started working on the manuscript again.

"I would write for a couple of months, then quit for a couple," she reported. "Writing is a disease with me. I must get the feeling before I can write. My husband often found me crying in my room while I was composing this story."

Mrs. Howard is of the school that writers are made, not born. Walter B. Pitkin, long connected with Columbia University, taught her technique "from A to Z," she said. An artist learns bone structure, a pianist his scale. So must a writer learn technique to be successful, she added.

Housewife First

But writing is not Mrs. Howard's primary job. She is a housewife first, author secondly. Her husband, Frank Howard, is a soil expert, and has done considerable work studying soils for citrus in Florida. He, too, is a writer and now has a contract with publishers to

tell the story of the gold rush in Rhodesia, where he spent considerable time.

Her pride and joy, of course, is 13-year-old Lynn. Lynn is a typical American boy, in the eighth grade at Winter Haven High School. Every other sentence from Mrs. Howard is something about "Lynnie," who collects autographs and Army insignia.

A movie starlet sent Lynn a pinup picture nicely autographed, but it has disappeared. Asked why it was no longer hanging on the wall of his den, Lynn told his mother, he needed the thumb tack to pin up an Army insignia.

He is proudest of Spencer Tracy's autograph. Tracy will be the star in the movie production of his mother's book. Greer Garson will play the role of Pris and little Margaret O'Brien will be "Prissy."

Lynn gets disgusted because Mrs. Howard is away in New York and Hollywood so much.

"I think this writing a book and traipsing around the country is awful," he complained.—Tampa Daily Times

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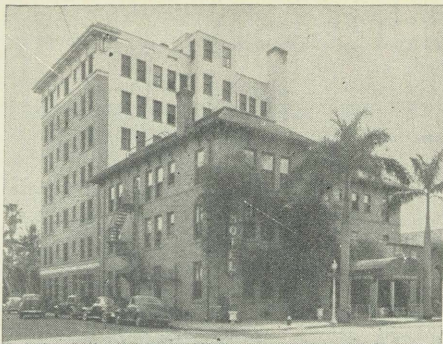
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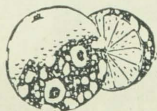
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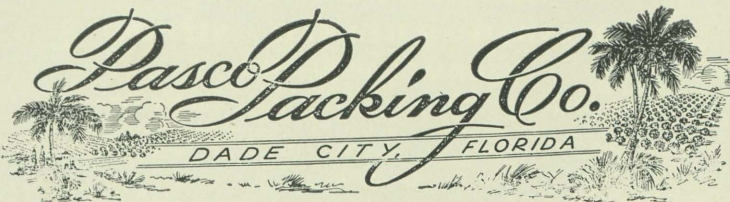
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The author has developed a formula for reducing speed per mile to feet per second that is virtually perfect. In fact this simple formula, when projected mathematically in the speed of a car per hour, reduced to the feet traveled by that car per second, shows a variable of only 0.4 of an inch for each mile of speed. Or, a car traveling 30 miles per hour when reduced by the Fox Formula into feet traveled per second shows an

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For example, you are driving over a parkway and your speedometer reading is 32 miles an hour. Take one-half of the 32 and add that one-half—or sixteen—to the speedometer reading and you have a total of 48. That figure or forty-eight is the number of feet your car travels in a single second when you drive 32 miles per hour. In that single second, the time between your anticipating an accident, and the reaction of your mind to brake your car, your automobile travels 48 feet.

Now adapting the Fox Formula to two cars approaching each other on a highway with both cars traveling 36 miles per hour. That, reduced to velocity in the number of feet per second, means they are approaching the passing point of the two cars at approximately 108 feet per second. That's getting together pretty fast especially if one car is driven by a reckless driver crowding on your side of the road.—Highway Research Abstracts

FOR EVERGLADES PARK

Potentially, Florida has one of the most beautiful and interesting national parks of the entire United States. The dream of turning the vast and romantic wastes of the Everglades into a national monument has long gleamed in the hearts of many Floridians, but during the war years the state body charged with furthering the plan has been inactive. Now Governor Caldwell has reestablished the Everglades National Park Commission, and has named to it 25 outstanding citizens of the state, including John H. Perry, publisher of the Jacksonville Journal and other Florida papers.

There is still a long way to go before the million acres of the Everglades are acquired by the state and turned over for use as a national park. The accomplishment of this aim will mean much to Florida as well as to the nation as a whole. The reactivation of the commission was an essential step toward this attainment. Now we can go ahead.—Jacksonville Journal

A BIRD OF AN IDEA!

Mrs. Roosevelt, ever busy with good deeds, has given us a very valuable and very practical idea. She wants to change the habits of birds. As I see immense possibilities in the suggestion, not only for our feathered friends, but as a cure for unemployment and depression, I quote her exact words: "Ever since I read the account of how exhausted the birds are when they reach their destination after their migration from the North, I have wondered if there is any way in which their habits might be changed."

Ever ready to assist in good works, I began to inquire why birds migrate, the number of said birds, and the number of people who might be employed in changing their habits. For surely, if sea-captains, over hundreds of years have taught parrots to talk politely, we can without doubt, in a few centuries of time, cure the exhaustion suffered by our migratory friends.

Well, here is the problem. It is a big one, but if we all put our hands to the wheel under Mrs. Roosevelt's inspiring leadership, who shall say us nay?

It is truly an interesting task. It takes us back to the Pleistocene epoch, of the Quarternary period of Cenozoic era. That's when the birds began to get their migratory habits. It was, say, 25,000 to 100,000 years ago. This was the period known as the ice age. During thousands of years this old earth of ours would grow warmer around its middle, the warmth slowly moving north and melting the ice farther and farther toward the north pole. The birds followed the retreating ice. Then, the pendulum started back toward the equator. Huge glaciers 1,000 miles long pushed south to the Ohio river and my home in South Bend, Ind., was under a mile of ice. Well, naturally, as the ice cap followed on the heels of the retreating warmth, the birds were forced slowly south for worms, gnats and bugs.

This huge and ponderous march of ice, first north, then south, was repeated four or five times over thousands of years, and so the birds got the bright idea of winging it south when it got cold, and flying north when it got warm.

In those good old days there were other things at work forming bad bird habits. First, more land where the insect-loving birds could live, then more water where they must die. In that far-off morning of the world "when you were a tadpole and I was a fish," the British islands were not islands at all. They were connected by a land bridge to the European continent stretching to Iceland and points west. Australia and


South America were all one and these early birds in search of worms could hop merrily along with dry feet from one continent to another. It was quite an education the birds got. The Arctic tern, for example, flies back and forth every year from Patagonia to Alaska, some 10,000 miles each way. The vast size of the job of re-educating him and his friends is apparent. However, only 225 of the 1,000 species of North American birds fly as far south as the Gulf of Mexico. This reduces the size of the task to which Mrs. Roosevelt so nobly summons us.

With our task of changing bad bird habits limited to its true size, we can begin to measure the job that confronts us. Just how many migratory birds—robins, wrens, ducks, geese, crows, etc.—there are, no one knows. There has never been a complete bird census! This is something our bureaucrats have neglected. However, after consulting our scientific experts, I believe that in the western hemisphere alone there are at last 5,689,762,876 birds. This is about 40 for each of the 135,000,000 of us.

Now we come to the practical part. I propose that every unemployed person

be assigned 40 or more migratory birds on a Federal Good Habit Bird Forming Project. No. XQ-719-Z. We might start with a dozen of the Arctic tern as they fly the farthest and get the most exhausted. It will be his job to change the habits of these birds. The project must of course, wait until Mrs. Roosevelt is through straightening out all the bad habits of mankind. But when that is done to her complete satisfaction, I propose that she be made secretary of birds with full cabinet rank and unlimited funds.—Samuel B. Pettengill in Winter Park Herald.

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It seems that a recent issue of the writers' trade publication, "Writer's Digest," gave the honor to Mrs. Irene Albert of Washington, D. C., who won a \$1,000 war bond for a 250-word letter in a magazine contest. That's \$4 a word.

"Can you top that?" the Digest asked.

Mrs. Mason can. That \$100 just mentioned came to her for an 18-word slogan, which is something better than \$5 a word, she points out.

The slogan was this: "On the dollar the wings of the eagle, on the Chrysler, the wings of time. Time is money."

What's more, the 57-year-old housewife does it all the time. She's won everything from soup to nuts. She estimates that contest entries have brought to her some \$3,000 in prizes in the past 38 years.

"I never skip a contest I know about," she grinned. "I just love 'em. It gets in your blood like gambling."

Attractive, brunette Mrs. Mason won

her first contest in 1907. It was an article on the Civil War. She won a spindle-backed buggy and a sorrel pony."

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"It was velour upholstered," she reminisced. "The little pony had a Dutch harness." The children finally wore it out and she sold it for \$200. That was the starting gun.

Since then, cleverly worded slogans, letters, etc., have won for her two trips to Cuba, two diamond rings, a \$50 doll that walked, talked, sang and even said prayers, an automobile, baskets of groceries galore, and at least a hatful of watches. Not to mention the cash prizes.

"Once I even won three weeks of laundry for the whole family," she snickered. "I've won some funny things."

Mrs. Mason can't remember exactly for what she won which. As soon as she mails an entry, she promptly forgets it and starts on another. She is sometimes entered in five contests at once. She learns of them through newspapers, radio, mail, circulars.

An excellent cook, she has won numerous contests for original recipes.

Peanut Butter Cake

"One recipe for peanut butter cake won so many contests, 'I'm ashamed of it,' she admitted. She has also won contests for sewing and painting. She has entered a hat in the Tom Brene-man hat contest.

"I like to write best, though," she declared. "Words pour out of me like a sieve. I hope to crack the short story field some day."

She writes poetry also and is a member of the Poetry Workshop of the Riverside Women's club. She writes in a corner of the dining room in between household tasks and whenever she has time. Her family has been wallowing around in her manuscripts and papers for years, she disclosed.

"They tease me about my phobia for contests," she smiled, "but just the same, they like to see me win." One of her sons gave her a dictionary stand for Christmas.

"Things sometimes come to me at night, and I just hop up and write them down," she said. "Like as not, it'll be a winner slogan."

She's even written an ode to herself. It's entitled "Incessant Writer."

"Ah," the incessant writer cried,

"Authorship is the spice of life,
The weaving of words is my pride,

I've truly taken the pen to wife.

When I've exhausted every theme,

Of which man ever dared to write,

I'll take of paper another ream,

And then I'll write odes to my ink."

—Jacksonville Journal

CALDWELL SOUNDS A TOCSIN

Which would Florida's taxpayers rather do—pay out countless thousands year after year to foot the bill for lawlessness and disease resulting from neglect of public responsibility of our youth, or pay for a progressive creative program in education and its allied activities that would prevent most of the crime and disease which weighs so heavily on all of us?

Gov. Caldwell put this choice up to the people recently in Tallahassee at a conference on delinquent youth. It was a blunt, forthright talk on something near to his heart—higher standards in education, public health and social betterment—and his main contention, that it is utter folly to count the apparent cost of these higher standards while paying the greater cost of their neglect, should sink deep enough to become the conviction of the whole State.

Caldwell made it plain that giving Florida's youth a better chance in education and health and thus helping them avoid the pitfalls of crime and disease is not merely a matter of good business:

On such matters I dislike the economic argument. There is every reason, from a humane standpoint, to give a child a fair chance in life. But when such arguments are unavailing, it may be necessary to advance the sound economic argument that it pays to develop useful citizenship. Future citizens who receive the right training—who develop into useful builders and earners—will be called upon to support at enormous expense those who become public charges because of lawlessness, disease and sloth. The cost of crime, of preventable disease and of dependency, has reached staggering sums running into the billions of dollars annually. And this does not take into account stupendous losses in production.

This is sound talk, but it will take more than such talk, even by Florida's Chief Executive and by other progressive citizens who agree with him, to improve the services that must come up to the standards of older states if we expect the children of this state to have an equal chance of making themselves useful citizens. More money must be spent for education, as the Governor has pointed out more than once. And as for public health, the State Board of Health "has never been given sufficient nourishment to enable it to do a first class job."

But regardless of all arguments and statistics proving that the cost of education, public health and welfare is little compared to the cost of their neglect, there will always be opposition

from those who, as the Governor pointed out, have adopted the "philosophy of penury" as the controlling factor in governmental expenditure and who "place low taxes first in the scheme of things." We have such taxpayers in Daytona Beach; you find them everywhere. But they can be educated.

Years ago this class of taxpayers—solid citizens—stubbornly opposed Missouri's first pension plan for needy mothers. But the law was enacted, and when several years later attempts were made to repeal it, the chief opponents of repeal were those same solid citizens who first had opposed the pensions. They had learned that the pensions cost the taxpayers less than public and private "charity" in the inescapable penalty for neglect of social responsibility.

However, despite all the opposition of stingy and merely shortsighted citizens, Florida is making progress in combating ignorance, crime and disease. Better pay has been provided for teachers and studies are being pursued to improve the courses of study. The Board of Health has established health units in every county. In local communities organizations adapted to the particular needs of the youth there have

been organized. For example the Daytona Beach Youth Council, which was regarded by some as a cranky notion when it was first proposed, has paid great social dividends. So have all the other city and rural organizations that engage the healthy interest of youngsters.

But these are only beginnings. We must face the fact that Florida's progress in education and health is not yet apace with its growth in population. F. B.—Daytona Beach Evening News

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Most of us cleared ground for a cane patch, a garden and potato patch. We killed deer and turkey in sight of town—some almost at our door. We smoked and pickled the venison that we could not use fresh, never killing more than we could use. There was plenty fish; great schools of them. We had a few cows, hogs and chickens. These, with game and fish and gardens, gave us a variety of food with very little labor. We also had a small hand mill that we used for grinding grits.

"Bud," continued the narrator, "this was the life and didn't we hate to see the Yankee coming in and clearing up our land and driving the game back further in the woods!"

I asked him how they got money to buy medicine, clothes and other necessities. He answered: "By selling a cow, hog or a venison as our needs were small—some coffee, ammunition, a few clothes, some medicine and last but not least some Cuban rum which was very cheap.

"We had no schools, no churches, no juke joints. We had no screens to keep out the flies and mosquitoes. We used smudges which helped a lot.

"When couples wanted to marry, old Judge Gary would tie them together with a very simple ceremony: 'Miss Sally will you take John for life; work, obey, honor and love him? The same to you, John? That's all. Go your way and God bless you.'

"You see, Bud, Key West was the nearest place to get a license so we made our own which was simple and effective—no divorces."

I asked if the women enjoyed this kind of life in the wilderness. He answered, "Yes, they had an easy time. They milked the cows, planted and cultivated the gardens, dressed the game and fish, ground the grits, patched our

overalls, washed and ironed, took care of the children; and during odd times they would take it easy.

I agreed that the women have always had an easy time while we men did the work. He said, "yes, even now they wear our pants, smoke our cigarettes, take and keep our jobs, smear our shirts with lipstick, causing trouble at home. Then laugh while we squirm."

—Fort Myers News-Press

OLD TIMER

ALONG THE TRACKS

Everybody in Bartow lives "across the tracks," on one side or the other. There isn't any "wrong side." Everybody lives "alongside" the tracks. Never was a town so completely surrounded by tracks.

Some Bartowans complained of a strange and restive feeling while the tracks held only silence during the strike. They couldn't sleep; they couldn't get easy in their minds; the usual clan and hubbub of trains passing through was missing. Bartowans felt isolated. They missed the whistles; they missed the lights; they missed the friendly passing.

Bartow's face lifted considerably when the strike ended. Scores of people parked to watch the train go by. Other scores drove to the station to cheer it in, and wave it out. Bartowans like to hear and see the trains. They are a big part of Bartow's background.

—Polk County Record.

CABELL'S BOOK IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST PRINTING

Before James Branch Cabell left St. Augustine some weeks ago, he said he believed his publishers had his new book, "There Were Two Pirates," scheduled for publication this summer.

Announcement from the publishers, Farrar, Straus and Co., Inc., is to the effect that publication will be in August.

The publishers in carrying announcement of the book in their summer and fall list, say:

"In his new novel of the legendary figure which haunts the streets of St. Augustine in Florida, James Branch Cabell shows again the satirical genius, the understanding of human foibles, the light touch that have made him a bright figure in the classical literature of America.

"There are wit and color and wisdom in "There Were Two Pirates," as it chronicles the love of Jose Gasparilla for Isabel de Castro, a love (slightly tintured with a desire for money) which drove him to piracy and murder and led him to a strange series of events, both natural and supernatural."

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Transactions of Meeting of Florida State Road Department

MEETING HELD AT TALLAHASSEE ON JUNE 24, 1946

Pursuant to agreement at the close of the meeting of May 16, the Members of the State Road Department convened in quarterly session at Tallahassee on June 24, 1946 for the consideration of all routine and special business to be presented at this time. Mr. F. Elgin Bayless, Chairman, Messrs. Courtney W. Campbell, S. Kendrick Guernsey, Herman B. Fultz, Robert T. Carleton, and the Secretary, J. Robert McClure, were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the minutes of the meeting of May 16 were approved.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS AWARDED

Construction

Bids received May 9

FS-138(1) 50, Lafayette, L. L. Hall Const. Co., \$77,857.09.

FS-140(1) 175, Wakulla, Faulk & Coleman, \$75,823.28.

Bids received May 16

7800-102 etc., St. Johns, Jas. H. Craggs Const. Co., \$35,427.80.

0307-104 164, Collier, Marion Contr. Co., \$71,366.82.

3807-106 69, Taylor, Marion Contr. Co., \$44,694.11.

1206-106 183, Lee, R. B. Stewart, \$29,507.60.

0306-103 27-A, Collier, Langston-Hubbard Const. Co., \$26,413.21.

Bids received May 28

5208-103 186, Holmes, Coggin & Deermont, \$49,922.65.

5103-103 52, Gulf, Faulk & Coleman, \$18,512.08.

9614-901 F. M., Broward, Gulfcoast Const. Co., \$3,298.16.

7600-104 45, Putnam, Caddell & Jackson, \$17,457.43.

Bids received June 6

5802-101 227, Santa Rosa, A. B. Covell, \$20,771.19.

8717-101 270, Dade, Cleary Bros. Const. Co., \$188,042.50.

4702-107 6, Calhoun, Coggin & Deermont, \$67,707.93.

7219-104 376, Duval, Duval Engr. & Contr. Co., \$219,822.32.

F-123(1) & FAGH-123(2) 8-A, Highlands, Brinson Const. Co., \$809,616.22.

Materials

Bids received June 10

Reinforcing and structural steel, steel flooring etc., Bradenton, Tennessee Iron, Coal & R. R. Co., \$3,358.04, steel flooring etc., Punta Gorda, Tennessee Iron, Coal & R. R. Co., \$3,429.23.

APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following supplemental agreements were approved:

2601-105 etc., 2, 5, 13, 14 State, Alachua, L. J. & W. L. Cobb, Inc., \$4,891.43, Increase.

9321-105 199, Palm Beach, R. B. Tyler Co., \$958.00, Decrease.

AE-SN-FA 129 (1) 4, Dade, Broward & Palm Beach, Baker Engineering, \$12,303.63, Increase.

REQUESTS FOR ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY

Resolutions were adopted requesting the acquisition of right of way for the following projects: Alachua County, Road 31, Section 2603, Project 5243, Mr. Guernsey, Mr. Campbell.

Escambia County, Road 62, Section 4814, From Rds. 87-62 to Rds. 7-62, Mr. Fultz, Mr. Carleton. Flagler County, Road 28, Section 7302, From Rds. 4-28 in Bunnell to Rds. 140-28 in Flagler Beach, Mr. Carleton, Mr. Campbell.

Gadsden County, Road 76, Section 5003, Quincy to Leon Co. line, Mr. Carleton, Mr. Fultz.

Holmes County, Road 186, Section 5208, From 1.5 miles north of Bonifay to Ala. state line, less Rd. 165, Mr. Guernsey, Mr. Campbell.

Jackson County, Road 347, Section 5318, From Rd. 90 E. to Rd. 159, Mr. Fultz, Mr. Guernsey. Levy County, Road 16-A, Section 3410, Yankee-town to Rd. 15, Mr. Guernsey, Mr. Carleton.

Madison County, Road 116, Section 3502, Rd. 1 to Withlacoochee River, Mr. Guernsey, Mr. Campbell.

Okaloosa County, Road 165, Section 5710, From Rd. 41 to Yellow River, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Fultz. Pasco County, Road 23, Section 1405, Dade City to Owensboro, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Guernsey.

Putnam County, Road 3, Section 7601(3), Orange Ave. to Magnolia Ave. Mr. Carleton, Mr. Guernsey.

Volusia County, Road 21, Section 7906, In City of Daytona, Mr. Carleton, Mr. Fultz.

Volusia County, Road 57, Section 7912, West 2.397 miles, Mr. Carleton, Mr. Fultz.

CANCELLATION AGREEMENT WITH R. B. TYLER CO.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby ratifies the action of the Chairman in amending the letter agreement with R. B. Tyler Company for the cancellation of certain jobs of Contract No. 1637, City of Fort Myers, to include Job No. 1201-112.

RIGHT OF WAY FOR ROADS 233 AND 360 IN PINELLAS COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by this Board that the recommendation made by the Department's Division Engineer of Right of Way be approved and adopted, that Pinellas County be requested to furnish this Department with maps showing the right of way covered by Roads 233 and 360 in that county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of such maps, and on approval by this Department, Pinellas County be requested to acquire the right of way needed for these two roads.

THANKS FROM PINELLAS COUNTY

The Secretary presented a resolution received from the Board of Directors of the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce in which they expressed their appreciation for the recent improvements made by the Department along certain highways in that city and to Davis Causeway. The Road Board asked that this be acknowledged with its grateful appreciation.

RECEPTION CENTER ON NORTH U. S. 17

Mr. Guernsey presented the question of the diorama which Mr. Earl Brown had offered to the Department at the actual cost of \$2,100, and stated that Mr. Brown asked for an immediate acceptance by the Department. He spoke further about the proposed site for the building, and reported that the architect is trying to find materials that are now available for this construction, and expects to have the plans and specifications completed by July 1st. These matters were considered and discussed.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the following resolution was adopted: BE IT RESOLVED that the purchase of the diorama not be made at this time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no construction be begun on land to which the Department does not own a clear title, and to that end the Department will proceed with utmost dispatch to secure the necessary land for the building, looking to its early erection.

REPORT ON REDUCTION IN POWER RATES

Mr. F. E. Harrison, Jr., Traffic Manager, gave a report on the saving to the Department resulting from the change of schedule on certain bridges, road camps, and two of the Division offices, made by Florida Power and Light Company. His estimate of the total saving in round figures was from \$3,500 to \$4,000 per annum.

Mr. Harrison also reported on a hearing which he attended in Washington, at which the railroads proposed a 25% increase in freight rates. He stated that effective July 1st the Department will have to pay a 3% increase in freight rates on limerock and stone, and a 6% increase in the rates on asphalt and cement.

MATTER OF INVITATION TO A.A.S.H.O. TO HOLD CONVENTION IN MIAMI BEACH

The Secretary presented a letter received by the Chairman from the Miami Beach Convention Bureau with reference to extending an invitation to the American Association of State Highway Officials to hold an annual convention in Miami Beach. He pointed out the fact that this organization held its 1935 meeting in Miami, with headquarters at the Miami Biltmore Hotel, and that the Legislature had authorized the Road Department to expend up to \$10,000 to entertain the Association.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Fultz, it was agreed that the Chairman ascertain just what would be involved by such an invitation, and whether the Miami Beach Convention Bureau is prepared to stand the expense of the necessary entertainment of such a convention. The Chairman was authorized to extend this invitation if it is found that no obligation for expense will be incurred by the Department.

PLACE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The Secretary presented a letter from Mr. A. C. Nichols, City Manager of Daytona Beach, extending an invitation to the Board to hold its August meeting in that city.

The Members considered the matter but decided that the next meeting should be held in Jacksonville, and asked the Chairman to acknowledge Daytona Beach's invitation with expression of their appreciation.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Carleton, it was agreed to hold the next meeting in Jacksonville at the George Washington Hotel, on August 5.

HEARING OF THE STEPHEN FOSTER MEMORIAL COMMISSION

Mrs. W. A. Saunders of White Springs, Chairman of the Stephen Foster Memorial Commission, accompanied by Mr. Foster L. Barnes, a landscape architect, appeared before the Board in the interest of the Memorial Park to be established on the banks of the Suwannee River at White Springs. Mr. Barnes exhibited sketches of the proposed buildings and the entrance gates and of a proposed realignment of a section of U. S. Highway 41 which the Memorial Commission recommended. He told the Board that large quantities of marble which came from the Federal building in Jacksonville are already on the ground for the construction of the Carillon Tower, and stated that 235 acres of land have been acquired and are now owned by the State for this park.

The request at this time was for the Department to approve the proposed realignment of the highway at this point, as well as the location of the entrances to the park turning in from this new alignment. Mr. Barnes said that later they may ask for roads within the Memorial park, but the immediate need is approval of the entrances in order that they may go ahead with their plans. The Board turned the plans over to the Highway Engineer for study and recommendation.

HILLSBOROUGH REQUESTS

Mr. Fred W. Ball, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and Mr. Ed. W. Carroll, County Engineer, made the following requests for Hillsborough County:

1. That the County be furnished with description, right of way width, and all papers necessary for the acquisition of U. S. Highway 17 from Plant City to Nebraska Avenue in Tampa.
2. The same on Gandy Boulevard.
3. A study of traffic conditions on Dale Mabry Highway by the SRD Division Engineer and the Highway Patrol.

RIGHT OF WAY FOR U. S. HIGHWAY 17

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Department hereby serves notice on Hillsborough County of the Department's intentions as to the width of right of way required on U. S. Highway No. 17, as follows:

1. From Nebraska Avenue east, 100 foot right of way (50' each side of the centerline of the existing road) to the beginning of approach to overpass over ACL Railroad east of 50th Street.
2. For length of overpass and approaches, 200 foot right of way (100' each side of centerline)
3. From east end of east approach to overpass the Department will require a minimum of 50 feet south of the centerline of existing road and a minimum of 100 feet north of the centerline of existing road all the way to junction with the Thonotosassa Road.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON DALE MABRY HIGHWAY AND U. S. HIGHWAY 17

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department gives its approval of the installation of Stop-an-Go lights at the following points:

1. Intersection of Bay-to-Bay Boulevard and Dale Mabry Highway.
2. Intersection of Henderson Boulevard and Dale Mabry Highway.
3. Intersection of Memorial Highway and Dale Mabry Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department requests the County of Hillsborough to have a traffic officer to protect school children at the opening and closing of school at the intersection of 30th Street and U. S. Highway 17.

PASCO COUNTY

The following came as a delegation from Pasco County: Representative George C. Dayton, Messrs. W. Kenneth Barnes, County Attorney, A. H. Schrader and D. S. Bishop, County Commissioners, O. L. Dayton, Jr., County Judge, A. V. Hornum and L. R. Cash.

Mr. Barnes stated they were present merely for the purpose of thanking the Board and expressing their appreciation for the plans made by the Department for Pasco County, and of their willingness to be of help in any possible way.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Senator-elect Evans Crary, Representative Alex MacWilliam, and Mr. Harry Damerow, City Engineer of Vero Beach, appeared in the interest of the Vero Beach Bridge. Mr. MacWilliam reported that the War Department had approved a change in the channel and is proceeding with the work of straightening it. He stated that the developers of the marsh area are ready to go ahead with their work and desired some action from the Department in locating the site for the bridge, in order that their development will conform to the new location.

Mr. Fultz advised that the Department will make a survey for the realignment of this bridge, now that the channel has been definitely relocated, and Mr. MacWilliam was assured that they would be advised regarding this realignment as soon as the information becomes available.

REQUEST FOR LEASE OF PIGEON KEY

Mr. J. Tom Guernsey, Attorney of Orlando, Florida, representing Mr. William Atkinson, advised

vised the Board of his client's interest in leasing Pigeon Key, on the Overseas Highway, for the purpose of constructing and operating a resort hotel. After discussion of the proposed development by Mr. Guernsey and Mr. Atkinson, the Chairman requested that their proposition be made in writing for further consideration by the Board.

REQUESTS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

County Commissioner A. A. Poston was present from Palm Beach County. He spoke in behalf of the request from the Town of Riviera for the resurfacing of U. S. No. 1 through that section. He mentioned the bad drainage situation in Riviera and suggested that it might be corrected only by new road construction. He also asked for improvement of the Riviera Bridge. In discussing the right of way for U. S. Highway 1, Mr. Poston expressed it as his opinion the Road Department would have to accept the 60 feet offered by the town or build the road back of the town. Mr. Fultz said that if the people are convinced that they do not want the main highway passing through the several towns involved, the Department could proceed with locating it west of the urban areas.

SINGER BRIDGE

A resolution from the County Commissioners requested repairs to Singer Bridge, connecting Roads 4 and 140 in Palm Beach County.

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board requested the Bridge Engineer to make a study of this bridge and prepare a plan and recommendation designed to replace or improve the present structure, and also to make full provision for the anticipated deepening and widening of the channel as proposed by the War Department.

MONROE COUNTY SURPLUS GAS TAX FOR ROOSEVELT BOULEVARD

The Board received a resolution from the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County requesting the Department to repair Roosevelt Boulevard in the City of Key West, and pledging funds from their surplus gas tax to reimburse the Department for the expenditures made in such repairs.

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the Board voted to accept the terms of the resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County with reference to the use of their surplus gas tax, as it becomes available, to repay the Department for expenditures in making the necessary repairs to Roosevelt Boulevard, and authorized the Chairman to so notify that Board, assuring them that the work will be carried on as early as possible.

REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENT OF EDGEWOOD AVE. IN JACKSONVILLE

A request from the City Council of Jacksonville for the improvement and widening of Edgewood Avenue was presented to the Board. It was the consensus of opinion that nothing can be done until the results of the economic survey of that area are complete and can be studied.

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN STREET IN JACKSONVILLE

A resolution from the City Council of Jacksonville requested the Department to make a survey of the work necessary for the proper maintenance of Main Street in that city, and to make appropriation for and provide for carrying out such work. Since such a survey is already under way the Board took no action on this request at this time.

REQUESTS FOR DAVIS CAUSEWAY

A resolution from the County Commissioners of Hillsborough County requested the Department to take such steps as appear to be necessary to prevent fishing from the bridges of Davis Causeway in violation of Chapter 21289; also to provide for separate walkways or passageways for pedestrians on the said bridges.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the Board authorized the construction of 300 feet of sidewalk on Davis Causeway when materials become available, at an estimated cost of \$6,000, as an experiment in providing a separate walkway for pedestrians.

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ENCROACHMENTS ON ROAD 4 IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

A resolution from the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County made request for special permission to allow certain buildings, already constructed and occupied, to encroach upon the right of way of Road 4, Section 9301, for another two years, with promise by the County to acquire the land necessary for the right of way at the earliest possible time.

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the Board agreed to accept the proposal of Palm Beach County, with a one year limitation, and to so notify the County Commissioners.

RIGHT OF WAY FOR U. S. HIGHWAY 17 IN PINELLAS COUNTY

A request was received from the Board of Directors of the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce for designation of the route of U. S. Highway 17 through Pinellas County and information as to the necessary right of way to be acquired, with the further request that this highway be carried to conclusion as soon as possible.

The Board took no action on this request at this time.

ROAD FROM PERRY TO MADISON, FLORIDA

A resolution received from the Board of County Commissioners of Taylor County asked for the paving of a road from Perry to Madison, following the Johnson-Stripling clay road as far as practicable.

The Board took the position that this road would be given consideration at the proper time but that no construction could be done in the near future.

MAINTENANCE OF ROAD 180 IN SARASOTA COUNTY

A resolution by the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County asked for State maintenance on Road 180, a connecting link between Roads 18 and 161 in the said county.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Fultz, authority was given for the taking of Road 180 over for maintenance, under the conditions previously outlined by resolution of this Board.

ROUTE OF U. S. 41 THROUGH HIGH SPRINGS

The Board received and discussed the request of the Rotary Club of High Springs that the route of U. S. Highway 41 remain as it now is through that city.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department proceed with its requests for right of way for U. S. Highway 41 to be secured along the location designated, and for an indefinite time allow the present highway to remain where it is through High Springs; and that when contract is let for this road the section through said city will be omitted, pending final agreement on the route.

ROAD 140 THROUGH HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH STATE PARK, BROWARD COUNTY

A letter was presented from the Florida Park Service, making request that the Department approve a realignment of Road 140 in the area of the Hugh Taylor Birch State Park in Broward County, to permit this public development to front immediately on the ocean. A detailed sketch accompanied this letter, showing the location suggested for this road.

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the matter was referred to the Division Engineer with request that he study the situation and make his report and recommendation at the next meeting.

REQUEST FROM LEVY COUNTY

A resolution from the County Commissioners of Levy County asked the Department to take over for maintenance a section of a county road from Road 500 just east of Williston to the Marion County line. The Members considered a report on this road by the Division Engineer, that it would require about \$14,000 to replace the road in shape for taking over for maintenance. The Board agreed that it could not grant this request.

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TURNOUT FROM OVERSEAS HIGHWAY PROPERTY OF RAVLIN BROTHERS

The Board considered a letter with accompanying blueprint from Mr. J. E. Ravlin setting out his request for a turnout to his property on a submerged island near the high fill approaching Jew Fish Creek Bridge. Also attached to the letter were copies of letters exchanged between the State Highway Engineer and others of the Department with Mr. Ravlin in connection with this request during the past two years.

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by this Board that it cannot grant the request of Mr. J. E. Ravlin for a turnout at the particular point he desires, because of the traffic hazard involved, nor can it pay the cost of a fill to connect with the location which has been authorized for such turnout.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Department is willing to cooperate with Mr. Ravlin in the construction of a turnout, provided it is made at the point indicated by the Department's engineers as being of minimum hazard to passing traffic and not detrimental to public safety; that the Department will give the same assistance it gives to any abutting owner, as provided in its resolution of March 25, 1946, setting out the general policy of the Department regarding turnouts and driveways.

RIGHT OF WAY FOR ROAD 85 IN MARTIN COUNTY

A resolution from the County Commissioners of Martin County requested the location of Road 85 to be changed and moved a little to the eastward, to facilitate the acquisition of the necessary right of way.

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Martin County for a change in the location of Road 85, Section 8906, so that the right of way required will run about 25 feet to the east of the present designated route is hereby approved, and the Right of Way Division is authorized to prepare and file with the County a new map reflecting this change.

REPAIR OF ROAD 198 IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

Mr. Fultz brought to the attention of the Board the condition of a section of Road 198 in Palm Beach County, from Road 199 to Delray, which has been used as a detour by heavy traffic

to such extent that it is badly cut up. Mr. Fultz suggested that this road be restored to its condition before it was used as a detour, and the other Members of the Board agreed to this.

ECONOMIC SURVEY OF JACKSONVILLE AREA

Mr. W. M. Parker, Division Engineer of Research and Records, exhibited several maps and charts showing the preliminary results of the economic survey being made in Jacksonville.

FEDERAL AID FUNDS

State Highway Engineer Coloney gave a report on the 1947 Federal Aid Funds and the desirability of getting them programmed. It was agreed that the projects suggested by Mr. Coloney be approved for construction, provided this would not interfere with the construction of any projects in the 1946 Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

NONAGENARIANS FORCED TO SHIFT FOR THEMSELVES

Talk about longevity in Miami! . . . There are two ladies of 96 and 95 years who are housed together for mutual company. But they feel the need of a housekeeper, and called local public service agencies in the effort to employ such a maid.

It appears that the 96-year youngster had been cared for by her 65-year-old daughter, but the latter was no longer able to continue this, because of her own years and the fact that she was suffering a serious case of blood poisoning due to a cat bite.

There are other children and grandchildren but they are reported as not interested. They let the old lady scurry around for herself. . . . The first one hundred years are the hardest!—Miami Life.

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'DADDY' BROWN WASN'T MISSING

"Daddy" Brown ran away from home out in West Gate early Friday morning and his folks were quite put out for awhile . . .

They called the sheriff's office and the police and said he was "missing"—which gave 104-year-old Lewis W. "Daddy" Brown quite a laugh when he heard about it shortly before noon.

"I needed a haircut," he said, "and I'm getting hungry . . . Are you the man with the crackers?"

But "Daddy" hadn't taken the time element into consideration, and that's what caused the alarm. For he was discovered "missing" at his home at Wabasso St. and West Gate Ave, at about 1 o'clock Friday morning, and Miss Freda Kirk, who cares for this four foot, six inch, white-haired gentleman who has seen more than a full century of life, put the search under way.

But shucks, Daddy wasn't missing. He wanted a haircut and he just set out to get it—at 1 a. m.

First he got up at about midnight and donned his best striped suit and his snappy grey felt hat. He started the long, three-mile walk on foot, then a milkman picked him up. His nephew, E. Brown, is a barber at 410½ Clematis St., and there's nothing like getting a haircut right in the family, is there?

His snowy white hair neatly clipped and his vandyke beard trimmed, "Daddy" Brown was the least disturbed of the folks out searching for him.

He was ready to go again—but first he wanted some crackers. So he got his haircut and his crackers, and all was right again.

"Daddy" Brown, born on Aug. 22, 1842, at Jefferson, made four visits to Florida with his father more than 100 years ago. As a world traveler as a cook aboard a wealthy employer's yacht, he recognizes 23 languages, and can read and write seven of them.

But with all this experience, he ran away from home—and might get a spanking when he gets back. . . —Palm Beach Post.

TAVARES' FIRST ALUMINUM HOUSE

Henry P. Reitz who spent the winter at Palm Garden, purchased a lot on Fourth Ave. before returning to Indiana in the spring. Mr. Reitz became interested in aluminum houses and returned to Hammond, Ind., to consult with Hoess Bros. who manufacture siding and roofs of aluminum.

Mr. Reitz has returned to Tavares and has the material on hand to erect his three room house, the specifications

UNHAMPERED AUTHORS

Authors who regard their neighbors as the best raw material for literature will breathe a little easier now that a jury has decided that Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings invaded no privacy, and ordinary human beings who number authors among their acquaintances will move with a little more caution. The author of "Cross Creek" will not have to pay for her use of a friend as a character in her book, the verdict is, and masters from Dante to Dickens, listening from Olympus nod and smile at one another.

Literature, besides its function of taking us out of ourselves, has also the function of making us look at ourselves. Traduced though this high mission may have been by hacks and highbinders, the world would be a much sorrier place if we cramped the style of the honest man or woman with the sharp glance and the sharp pen. Such citizens are a part of the conscience of society.—Jacksonville Journal.

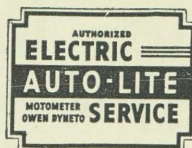
having been approved by the council. He claims it will throw off 40% of the heat. A 12 ft. strip weighs 2¼ lbs. The company claims this is the first of its kind in the south.—Tavares Citizen.

I thought I was familiar with all the reasons why people want to subscribe to The Courier, but a new one popped up the other day. A man from out Dover way came in and paid his \$2 saying: "Some of my kinfolks died and I didn't know anything about it until a neighbor read it in the paper."—The Courier, Plant City.

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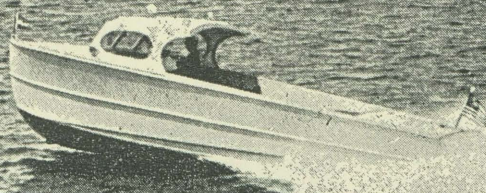
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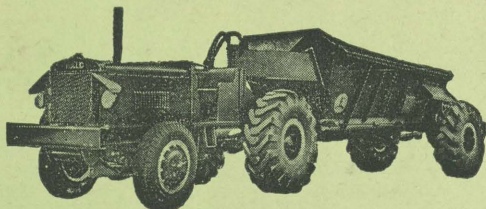
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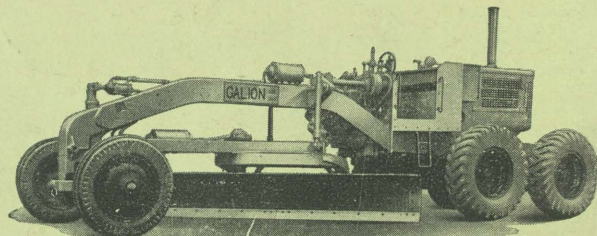
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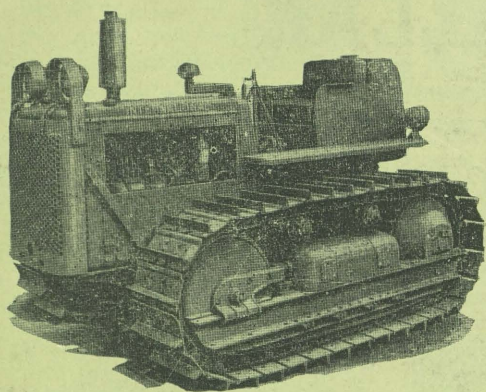
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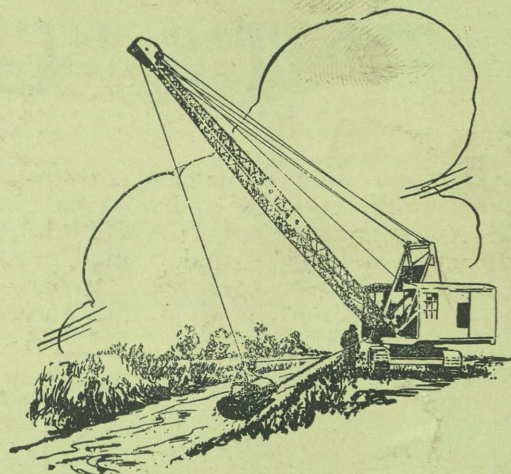
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